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PLAN FOR EMPIRE AIR SYSTEM

AMBITIOUS PROJECT DISCUSSED

DOMINIONS EXPECTED TO CO-OPERATE

London, Dec. 20.

Far reaching developments in Empire air communications are proposed in a scheme outlined in the House of Commons to-day by Sir Philip Sassoon, Undersecretary for Air.

Sir Philip said these proposals, which are the results of many months of work by the Air Ministry and Post Office, in consultation with Imperial Airways, were approved by British Government in the late Summer and subsequently communicated to other Empire Governments concerned.

Until the views from all these Governments have been received the scheme must, of course, be regarded as a basis for discussion only, since its realisation depends upon their willing co-operation and support.

Sir Philip emphasised that his statement must therefore not be taken as prejudging the issue. The scheme, he continued, contained three main features.

Firstly, very material improvement on the present time schedules between several parts of the Empire concerned;

Secondly, a substantial increase in the frequency of services;

And, thirdly, all first class mail to Empire countries covered by projected services in future to be carried by air.

A schedule was envisaged of just over two days to India, two and a half to East Africa, four to the Cape, four to Singapore and seven to Australia.

Provision was made for four or possibly five services a week to India, three services a week to Singapore and East Africa and two to South Africa and Australia respectively.

NO RATE DECISION

He could as yet say nothing definite about the letter rate proposed, but they hoped that so far as it concerned the United Kingdom letters for Empire destinations, subject to a successful outcome of negotiations with the Governments concerned, it might be in the region of the present Empire rate of 1½d. But this would apply per half ounce instead of to the first ounce, as at present.

He mentioned correspondence covering at least eight sheets of special light paper which could be sent within the half ounce limit. It would, of course, be for other participating Governments to fix their own postal charges.

INAUGURATION DATE

Sir Phillips added it would not be practicable to give further details as regard finance, types of aircraft, etc., until negotiations with the other Governments concerned were completed and he could as yet give no date for the inauguration of the scheme. The provision of the necessary fleet and ground organisation would require a period of something like two years before a project of this magnitude, constituting as it does the largest step forward which has yet been taken in the development of Empire air communications, could be brought into full operation. Further, the Postmaster General made it clear there was little possibility of introducing a 1½d. postal rate for Imperial first class correspondence carried by air before 1937.—*British Wireless*.

EXTENDED SERVICE

London, Dec. 20. From December 29, the England-South Africa air mail will operate twice a week instead of once. The Wednesday service will operate to Cape Town but the Sunday service only to Johannesburg. From January 1 the air mail service to India will also operate only to Calcutta.—*British Wireless*.

AIR FLEET TO SEARCH FOR PLANE

HOPE FADES FOR DUTCH FLIERS

SEVEN MEN ON BOARD

Baghdad, Dec. 20.

The Dutch airmen aboard the plane which Parmentier and Moll piloted in the England-Australia marathon have now been missing about twenty-four hours. Small hope is entertained that they have not met with serious accident.

Twenty-four British aeroplanes are joining in the search for the missing ship.

Official quarters here have grave fears for the fate of the machine. Last heard of over Gaza, after the had left Cairo, the Dutchmen flashed an "All Well" message at midnight.

They were attempting a 15,000 mile flight, from Amsterdam to the Dutch East Indies and return, carrying Christmas mails, and expected to complete the journey in five days.—*Reuter*.

DESERT SEARCH

London, Dec. 20.

British aeroplanes and armoured cars are searching the desert for the Dutch Douglas air liner carrying the Christmas mails from Holland to Batavia, of which nothing has been heard since it passed Gaza, Palestine, on its way to Baghdad last night.

A terrific thunderstorm occurred during the night in this area, and it is feared the liner was forced down. Bad visibility and the state of the ground make the search difficult both for aircraft and land vehicles.

The liner carried three passengers and a crew of four, including the pilots, Messrs. Beckman and Van Steenbergen. She is the machine which arrived second in the Melbourne race, when she became known as the "flying hotel."—*British Wireless*.

LADY PEEL'S RETURN

ARRIVES BACK FROM F.M.S.

Lady Peel, wife of H.H. the Governor, returned to the Colony by the Blue Funnel liner *Ajna* this morning.

Her ladyship has been on a brief visit to her son, who is a Cadet in the F.M.S. Government.

twice a week. The Saturday service will operate right through to Australia but the Tuesday service only to Johannesburg.

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The first picture to reach Hongkong of the wedding of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent and Princess Marina. The bride and bridegroom are seen on the balcony at Buckingham Palace, acknowledging the cheers of the crowd below. Also shown are little Princess Margaret Rose, Prince Nicholas of Greece (the bride's father) and Queen Mary.

Contingent Marching To Saar Front

BRITISH TROOPS ON THEIR WAY

SWEDISH UNIT EMBARKS

London, Dec. 20.

The First Battalions of the East Lancashire and Essex Regiments left Catterick tonight for the Saar, marching out to the ringing cheers of the garrison.

This force, 1,029 strong, is taking forty tons of baggage, including several footballs.

The first of the British units for the Saar patrol are already at their stations, but they are mainly R.A.S.C. men who are making arrangements for the billeting and feeding of the army of peaceful occupation.—*Reuter*.

SWEDISH TROOPS

Stockholm, Dec. 20.

Sweden's contingent of troops for the Saar police force embarked at Trelleborg for Sassnitz to-day, after being reviewed by the King.—*Reuter*.

His Majesty addressed the men, impressing upon them the fact that great confidence was being placed in their efficiency, discipline and judgment in the event of emergencies arising.

The detachment carried with it little Christmas trees and some parcels of special Swedish Christmas delicacies.—*Reuter*.

FAST FLIGHT INTO AFRICA

1,060 MILES IN FOUR HOURS

London, Dec. 20.

The De Havilland Comet plane in which Kenneth Waller, the Melbourne air race competitor, with the Belgian Captain Franchomme, left Brussels to-day on a flight to Leopoldville, in the Congo, to demonstrate the possibility of a fast air mail service along this route, landed at Oran this afternoon, having completed the 1,060 miles stage in 4 hours, 66 minutes, at a speed of 210 miles an hour. In view of the weather conditions it was expected that the flight would take at least seven hours.

The airmen will to-morrow proceed to to Numay, in French West Africa, 1,500 miles distant.

The Comet is the type of machine in which Scott and Black won the Melbourne race.—*British Wireless*.

POWERS AT CROSS PURPOSES

NAVAL ACCORD NO NEARER

U.S. WAITING FOR TOKYO

Tokyo, Dec. 20.

The Minister of the Navy to-day instructed Admiral Yamamoto to remain in London and continue his efforts to carry Japan's point of naval equality. News reports comment acidly on the adjournment of the naval talks and declare it is regrettable, though to be expected. Although the Anglo-Japanese views are steadily converging, there can be no glimmer of hope as long as the United States remains stubborn concerning the Japanese claim for parity, they state.

Reports from Washington state that Mr. Cordell Hull has indicated that America intends to await Japan's formal denunciation of the Washington Treaty before undertaking any new moves.

Mr. Hull denies reports to the effect that America is considering proposing a gentlemen's agreement with Japan and Great Britain concerning the scrapping of naval vessels during the next two years. His Worship said he would be ready to go for the Crown would be relatively brief.

His Worship said he would start the case on December 28 on the assumption that it would go for trial to the Criminal Sessions.

Mr. Fraser, replying, said his opening of the case would assist His Worship on that point, but, so far as he knew at the moment, it would not be a case in which His Worship would have to commit.

Mr. Fraser further stated that it would be difficult to outline the case now, because he did not know what the outcome of further investigations would be.

Trade Mission For China

AMERICANS PLAN 1935 VISIT

SMALL ARMY OF INVESTIGATORS

(Special to "Telegraph")

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New York, Dec. 20. After ten hours' discussion, a Committee of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce issued a statement strongly condemning the recommendations contained in the Select Committee Report, which will be made to the basis of India reform legislation.

The object of the mission is to increase Sino-American trade which, many economists believe, is inevitably to become one of the greatest features of world commerce.

The recommendations are entirely unacceptable to the Indian mercantile community," the Committee found.—*Reuter*.

An Old German Christmas Play is to be held at the Union Church, Hongkong, at 5.30 p.m. to-day.

The P. and O. liner *Bomali* is due here from Singapore at noon on Monday.

Dates Fixed For Trial Of Portuguese

HELD ON CHARGE OF KIDNAPPING

INVESTIGATION INCOMPLETE

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ASSASSINATION SUSPECTS

It is hinted that his associates were responsible for Kirov's murder and since that crime was committed the Soviet authorities have been arresting suspected White Guards all over the country. Many of them have been executed during the last few days.—*United Press*.

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SOVIET EXPOSES FASCIST PLOT

KIROV'S MURDERERS INVOLVED?

NOTORIOUS ZINOVIEFF UNDER ARREST

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London, Dec. 20. The *Evening Standard* Moscow correspondent states that the notorious and mysterious Gregori Zinovjeff, one-time Russian revolutionary leader but later expelled from the Communist party because of attacks on Stalin, has been arrested in connection with the murder of the Soviet official, Kirov.

Zinovjeff, it will be recalled, was said to have written a letter to English Communists in 1924 which suggested a plan for the Bolshevizing of the British army, and the publication of this document played a large part in overthrowing the Labour Government of Great Britain.

The Soviet Government refuses to confirm or deny that Zinovjeff is in custody.

YUGO-SLAV QUEEN AIDS FRENCH LAW

TAKES HAND IN MURDER TRIAL

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This announcement was made by Mr. Walter Runciman, President of the Board of Trade, in the House of Commons to-day, during the consideration in Committee stage of the Shipping Assistance Bill.

The Russian Government denied the authenticity of the letter, but the British Conservative Party, after an enquiry, pronounced it authentic. During the Schreck espionage trial in Berlin in 1928, the pacifist, Mertens, asserted that the letter had been concocted by Schreck and the former Polish Press Attaché, Paclorkowski.

CONVALESCENT

Fenghua, Dec. 21.

FINE PROSPECT FOR NEXT TURF YEAR

HIGH LIGHTS OF PAST SEASON'S SPORT

BY J. H. FREEMAN

THE end of the flat race season is an appropriate time to look ahead in the world of sport. The road in front is lighted, in many places vividly, by the events of the past few months; there are a few black patches; but the rays of common sense and good sportsmanship can banish the deepest gloom.

No racing season in the post-war period has contained more solid elements of confidence in the present and of faith in the future. The factors which a few seasons ago decided some of the best of our racing owners to reduce their commitments have disappeared.

No phase of our sporting activities is more sensitive than the Turf to general economic depression, or an increased national capacity to earn more and the consequent ability to spend more.

From practically every race-course in the country—particularly from the more enlightened ones where public amenities have been improved by a far-sighted executive—comes the same tale of cheerfulness and hope.

The men who ten years ago put thousands of pounds into the thoroughbred industry are beginning to reap the reward of their

and Doncaster sales should be appraised at approximately twice the value of twelve months before? The ranks of owners in the year ahead will include a number of men and women recruits who, in these days of cheaper money, will find an outlet for their speculative inclinations in the possession of thoroughbred stock.

What appeal is there in "spare" money earning 2 per cent, compared with the thrills and delights of ownership of a horse that may win one of the Turf's great prizes?

Gallant old Brown Jack, his inseparable companion on the racecourse, is fifty years young. Gordon Richards, for the second time in his career, has ridden more than 200 winners. The totalisator has stood up to its most formidable assault and justified its claim to receive off-the-course money through agents.

Can one view these things, even from afar, without feeling some of the romance of the past and sharing in the ever-increasing optimism of the future?

ONE REGRET

But there is one matter of indirect yet intimate concern with racing that is causing many thoughtful people real regret and a deep-rooted anxiety. It is that opportunity was not taken by Parliament when discussing the Betting and Lotteries Bill to clear up the middle of our efforts and unfair betting laws.

Instead of a firm and all-embracing measure that would have brought the whole subject in line with modern conditions and modern thought we have seen added to the Statute Book an Act that has already caused nation-wide confusion and that will lead to endless legal battles. It has placed within the scope of parliamentary sanction a form of betting that is dangerous socially, morally, and financially.

The position of football pool betting has nowhere caused more concern than in the higher legislative bodies connected with the winter game.

HASTY MEASURE

I have written on a number of occasions of the urgent need for fairness to both the man in the Sheffield factory and the man in the Pall Mall club when discussing betting reform. In the present hasty measure, which has given football-pool betting a legal status, I believe Parliament has sown the seeds of incalculable mischief. I have been given evidence that in less than one week the number of firms dealing in this form of gambling—for gambling it is—has multiplied a hundredfold.

Pool betting allied to racing or football or any sport should be permitted only when the public is assured of the strongest possible safeguards. It is incomprehensible to me that a Parliament which imposed the most stringent guarantees, including a definite limitation of the percentage deduction from stake money, when setting up the Racecourse Betting Control Board should permit the unrestricted touting of the football public by private syndicates without any safeguards whatever.

In its half-hearted attempt to avoid "class legislation," Parliament has given greater opportunity

foresight and their judgment. The fact that the Aga Khan after a wise but stupendous expenditure spread over many seasons has had successes, particularly with his two-year-olds, almost beyond belief, will be both a justification and an incentive.

GOOD PROSPECT

For if the season's two-year-olds, especially the colts, are of such unusual quality does not the season of 1935 promise to be of amazing excellence?

It is a sign of the times too that no comparative newcomer to the ranks of breeders as Mr. M. H. Benson should be prepared to pay £50,000 for the Derby winner, Windsor Lad, before the 3-year-old had confirmed his brilliant success by carrying off the St. Leger.

Is it not also an encouragement that bloodstock at the Newmarket



Cowboys at North Dakota round-ups still "tote six guns" and sing the old range songs.

BROKE LAW TO SAVE WIFE

BURNED BODY OF DEAD BABY

Arthur Mason (44), a railway employee, of Great Ancoats Street, Manchester, who was found not guilty at Manchester Assizes of murdering an infant of three months, appeared in the same Court recently before Mr. Justice Atkinson.

He was charged with being an accessory after the fact, and with having obstructed the Coroner in the execution of his duty by burning the body of the infant.

He pleaded guilty to both charges, and was sentenced to 16 days' imprisonment, the sentence to date from the beginning of the Assize. That meant his immediate release.

The Judge said he had taken the same view as the jury, who had accepted his story as the truth.

Mason had been placed in a terrible predicament. He had had to choose between giving up his wife for what might be murder, and with doing what he could to protect her from the trouble. He had broken the law. The Judge thought most men would have done the same.

It was stated that the railway company with whom Mason had been for the last 20 years would take him back at once to enable him to make a new start.

The wife, Elizabeth Mason, died in Strangeways Jail while awaiting trial. It was stated that she was very ill when she came home after the birth of the child.

ties than ever for the exploitation of that section of society least able, economically, to defend its own interests.

But to end on a more pleasant note. Circumstances never likely to be repeated conspired to impose on English cricket in the past summer one of its most emphatic defeats. But the immediate future is made infinitely more hopeful by the decision reached this week by the Advisory Committee of the M.C.C.

I regard the experimental change in the I.B.W. law as an epoch-making step in the re-education of our cricketers. If with its permanent adoption we could get a return to the natural wicket, we should have nothing to fear from any country prepared to play cricket as a game and not as a test of physical endurance.

UNUSUAL DUAL PERSONALITY

STRANGE EVIDENCE AT COURT MARTIAL

Medical evidence suggesting that a soldier had a dual personality, and that he spent a week at Brighton without his other self realising it, was given at an Aldershot court martial, when Company Quarter-

that if he could get to London, where his battalion was then stationed, he could refund the money.

Major H. B. F. Dixon, R.A.M.C., of Queen Alexandra's Hospital, Millbank, London, who was called by the defence, said that Taylor had been under observation for three months at the hospital. He had been examined by an eminent neurologist and a brain specialist, and they had formed the opinion that Taylor had suffered from epileptic automatism, and probably had a tumorous brain. Major



The French ship Nicolas Paquet wrecked off the North African coast last year, has been abandoned.

master-Sergeant James Taylor (32), of the 2nd Battalion Cameron Highlanders, pleaded not guilty to charges of fraudulent conversion of £32 belonging to the sergeants' mess funds, and absence without leave for six days.

The prosecution alleged that Taylor gave himself up at Eastbourne as an absentee, and said that he had been in the drink, and that a wallet containing £20 was stolen from his hip-pocket in a Brighton dance hall. He added

Dixon added that in cases of epilepsy, a patient frequently passed into a state of automatism or dual personality, in which he might do ridiculous or criminal things without his other self realising he was doing wrong.

It was also stated that Taylor received a head injury in a motor accident seven years ago, and had since had occasional attacks of petit mal.

The finding of the Court will be promulgated.



Governor Carranza of Tabasco, Mexico, is a real dictator, with a private army of 30,000, and a war with the Church on his hands.

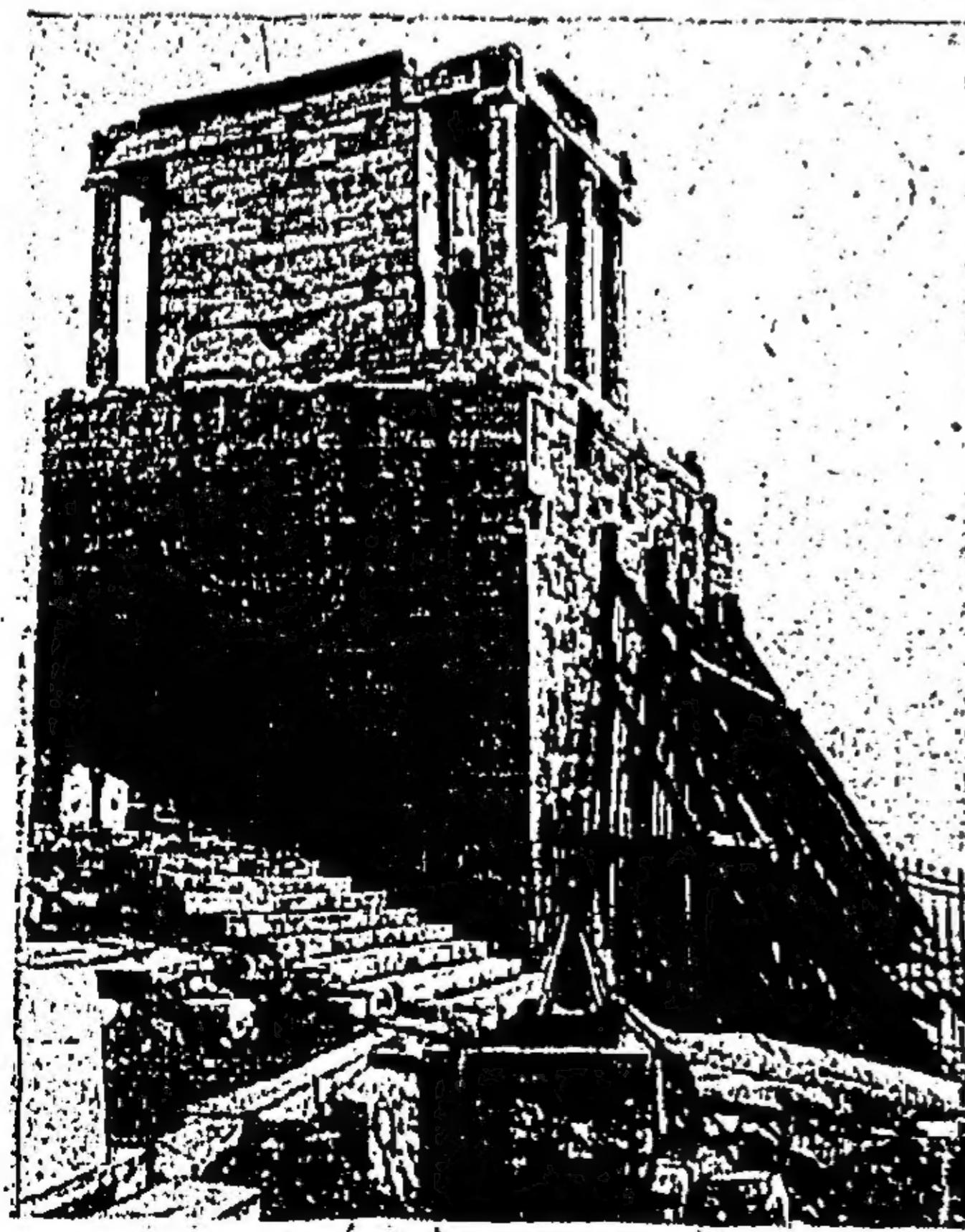
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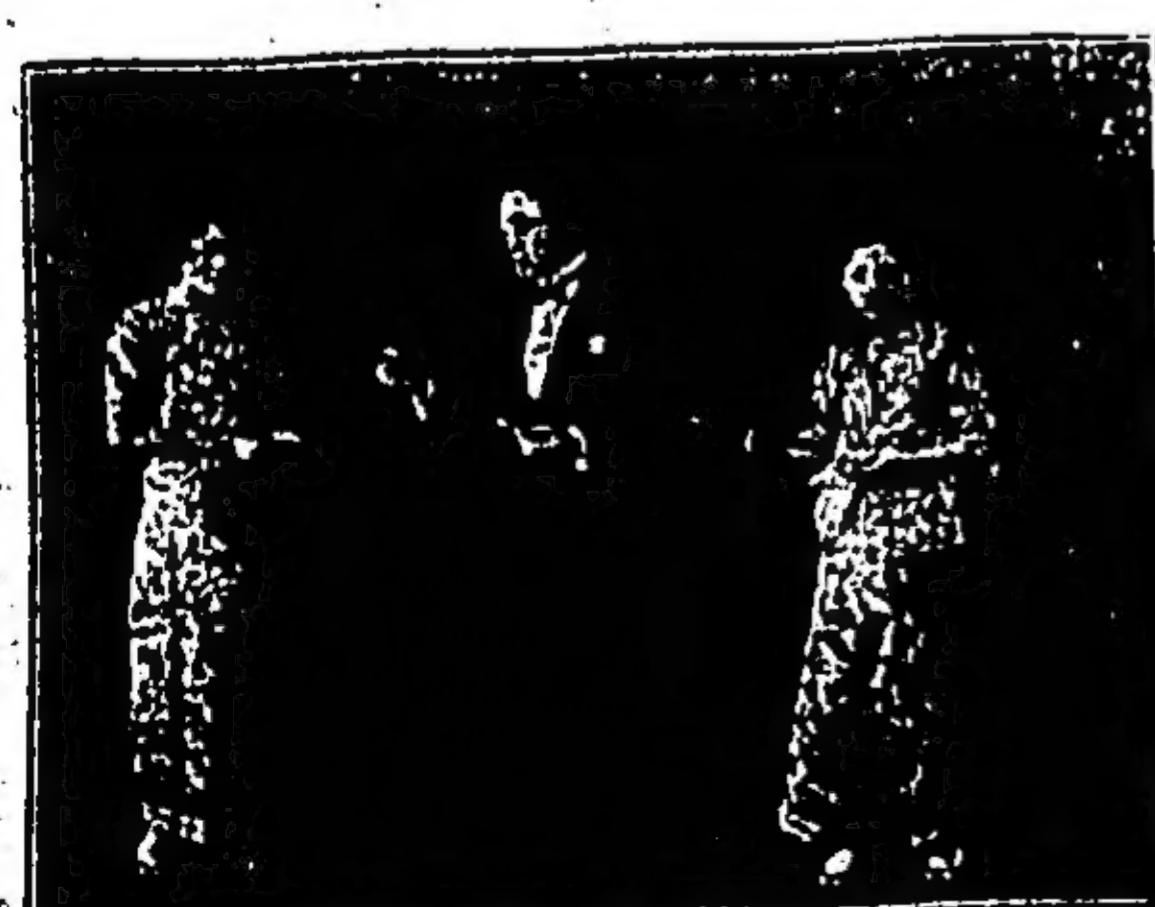
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Extracts From the
"Telegraph" Files

The following extracts are from the Hongkong Telegraph for the week ended December 27, 1913.

The rate of dollar on demand was 1s. 11½d.

The annual Police Ball was held at the City Hall, there being an attendance of 300 guests.

Mr. A. E. Wright was appointed Second Lieutenant in the Volunteer Corps.

In a two-day match, the Hongkong C. C. defeated the United Services. T. E. Pearce scored 93 and R. Hancock 30 for the winners.

The wedding took place at St. John's Cathedral of Mr. E. T. Singer, of the Standard Oil Co., and Miss Lillian May Smith.

"TELEGRAPH" ART
SUPPLEMENT

Topical Pictures
To-morrow

Wedding illustrated in tomorrow's issue of the Telegraph Pictorial Supplement will include those of Mr. H. F. Shields and Miss Doris Mitchell, and of Mr. Leung Yen-pui and Miss Ma Sui-hing.

There will be three pictures of the "Aladdin" pantomime, whilst an interesting group will show the members of the Hongkong Chinese Choral Society.

General Shum Hung-ying, who formerly played an important part in Canton's military affairs, will be seen in a group at a Buddhist Monastery, where he adopted Buddhism the day before his death last week.

Other groups will include the senior class at St. Paul's Boys' College, and teams who took part in the Junior Ping Pong League.

HUNDRED YEARS OF
ROYAL WEDDINGS

(Continued from Page 6.)

King's only daughter, Princess Mary, to Lord Lascelles in Westminster Abbey. It was the first wedding of any of the King's children, and as such it excited even more feverish public interest than any other royal wedding of the century.

Princess Mary made a very beautiful bride, and many present commented on her striking likeness at the altar to her mother, the Queen, when she had been a bride herself almost thirty years before. The honeymoon of the royal couple was spent in Shropshire and Italy.

The following year London had another opportunity to cheer a royal bridal couple when the Duke of York led the lovely Scottish Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon to the altar at Westminster Abbey. How the Duke waded and won the charming daughter of the Earl and Countess of Strathmore made a romantic story dear to the hearts of the people.

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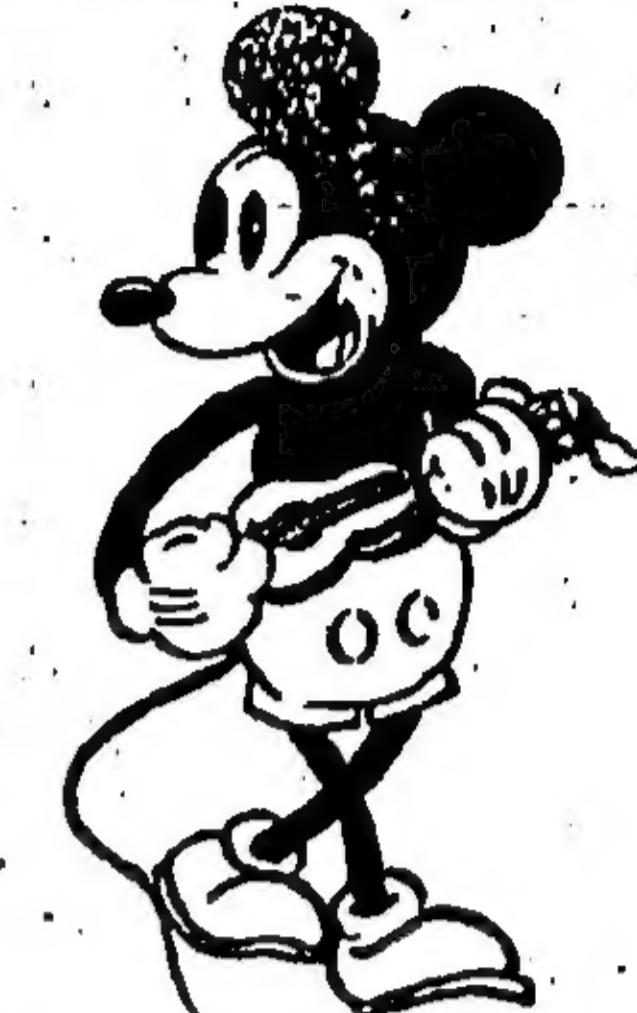
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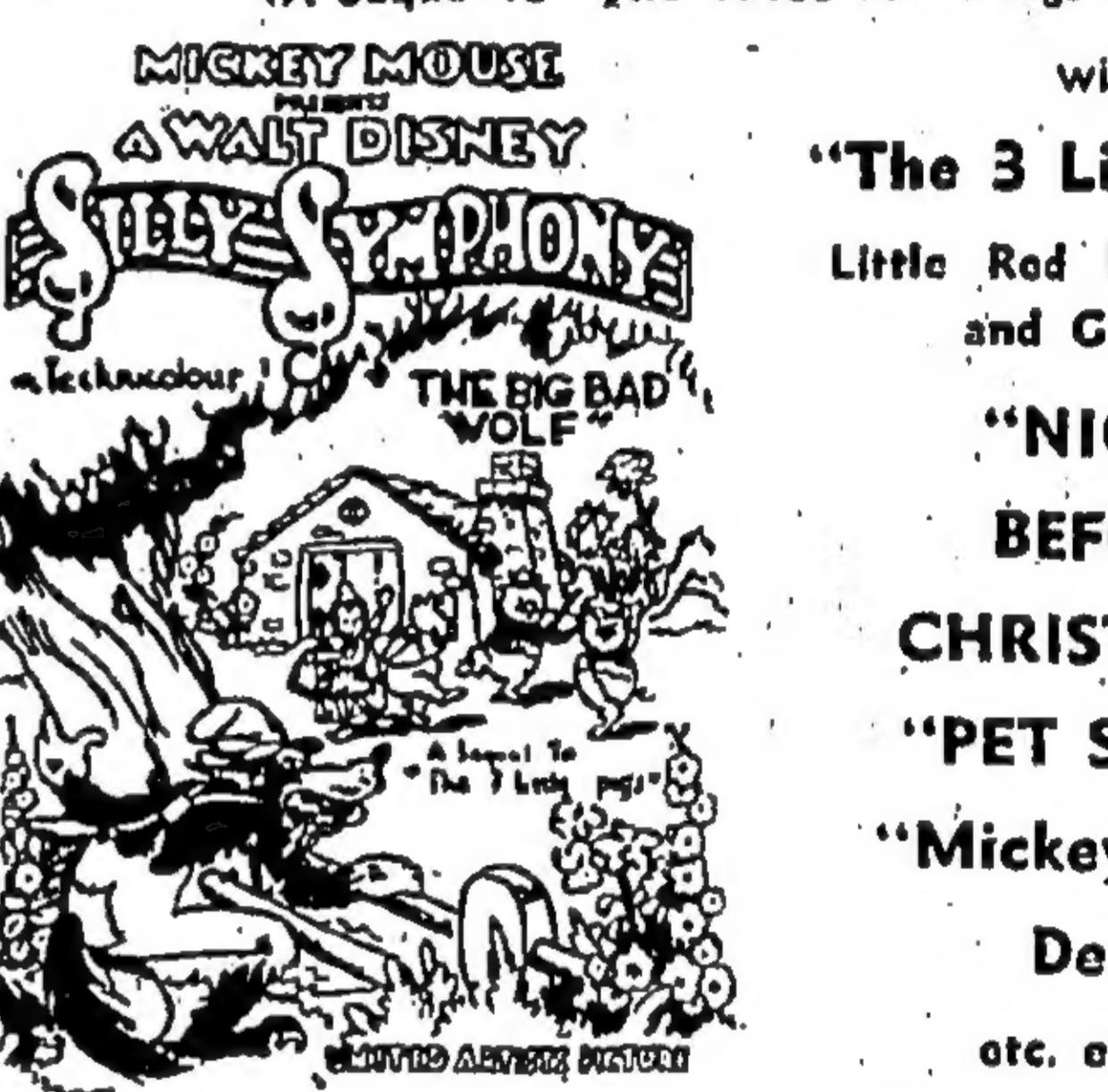
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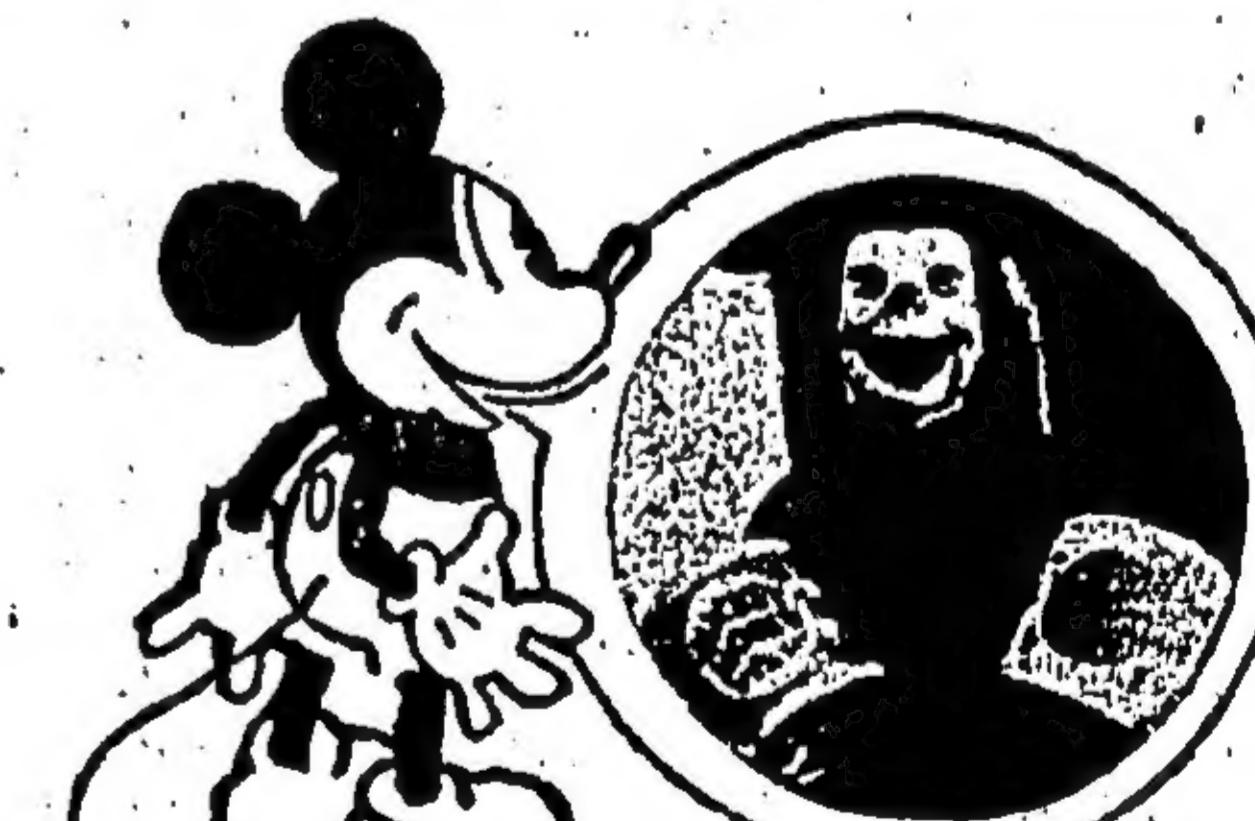
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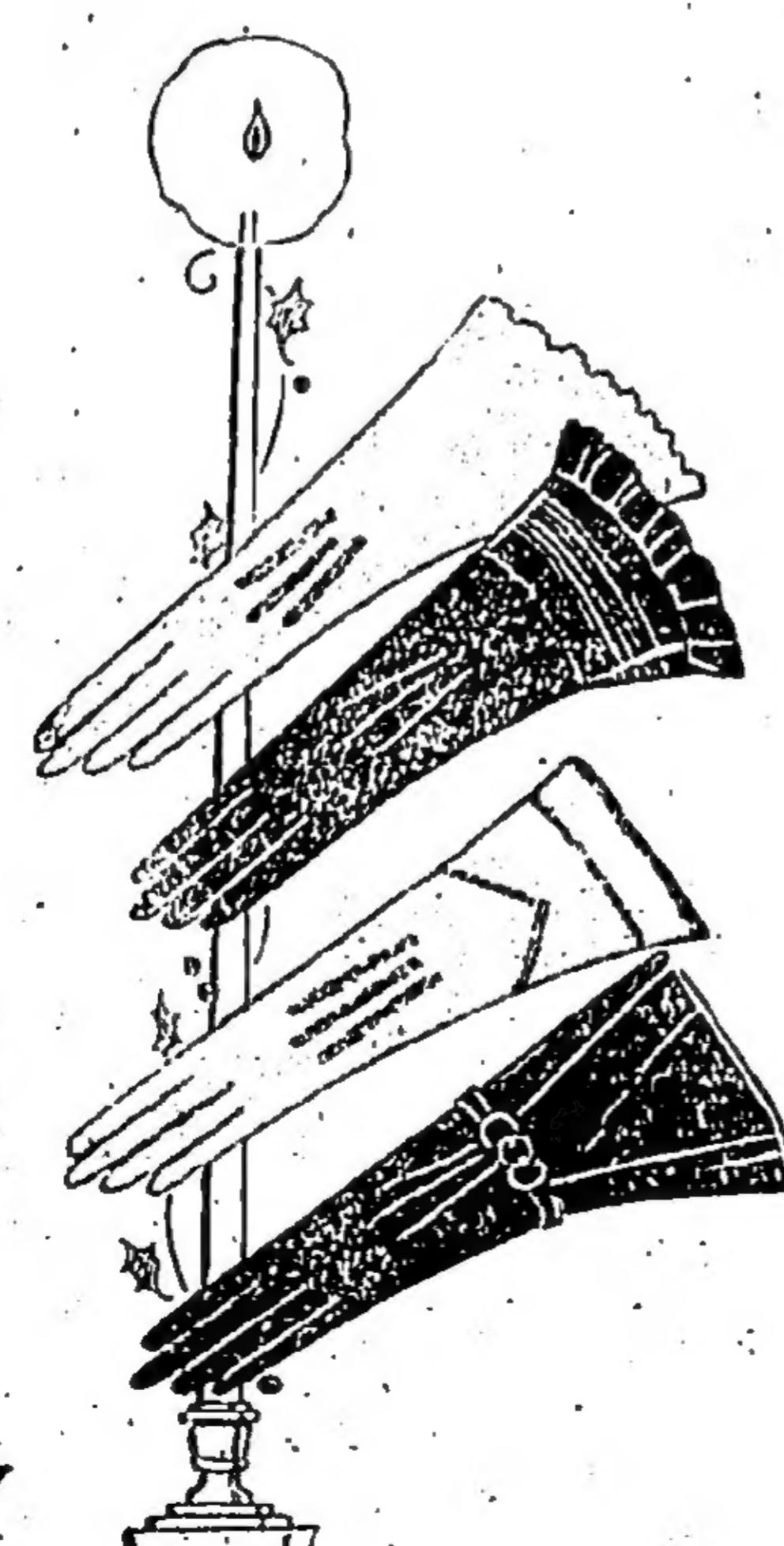
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AIR MARATHON
VICTORS

DINNER FOR SCOTT AND
BLACK

London, Dec. 20.

Lord Londonderry, Air Minister, proposed the health of Scott and Black, the winners of the Melbourne Air Race, at a dinner given in their honour by the Royal Aero Club last night.

Over 1,000 guests were present including the pilots of the Dutch Air Liner, Parmentier and Moll, who took second place in the race.—British Wireless.

Flight To Congo

London, Dec. 20.

Kenneth Waller, who, with Captain Jones, recently flew to Australia and back in 13½ days, left yesterday for Belgium to make the flight to the Belgian Congo in the Comet Aeroplane used in the Australian flight.

The range of the machine has been reduced by weather modifications, introduced for the journey, which is intended to demonstrate the possibility of a regular airmail service on this route.—British Wireless.

Speeding Up

London, Dec. 20.

The Under-Secretary for Air, Sir Philip Sassoon, to-day announced in the House of Commons a far-reaching scheme of air mail development, which will expedite the time of the schedules and give increased frequency.

India will be reached in just over two days: Singapore and Capetown are both just four days away; Australia can be reached in seven days.

There will be four, and possibly five, services to India every week; three to Singapore; while two services will be conducted to Capetown and Australia weekly.

The scheme depends on the co-operation of the Empire Governments. It will be two years before the scheme comes into operation.—Reuter.

India Air Mail

London, Dec. 20.

The largest amount of air mail ever despatched from India left Karachi yesterday in a Imperial Airways liner and two aeroplanes of the Indian trans-Continental Airways.

The three machines carried 4,160 pounds of mail, compared to a usual despatch of 1,650 pounds.

U.S. COMMODITY
PRICES

LATEST CABLED
QUOTATIONS

Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz have received the following quotations on the New York exchange for yesterday.

New York Cotton

Dec. 19. Dec. 20.

Close Closing
Range

December 12.50 12.45-12.47
January 12.51 12.47-12.48
March 12.58 12.67-12.68
May 12.59 12.50-12.60
July 12.58 12.61-12.62
October (1935) 12.44 12.44-12.44
Spot 12.76 12.76

New York Rubber

December 12.08 12.02-12.02
January 13.00 13.00-12.96
March 13.24 13.29-13.20
May 13.19 13.16-13.36
July 13.58 13.50-13.56
September 13.78 13.70-13.70
Total sales: 57 lots

Chicago Wheat

December 97.5% 97.5%-97.5%
May 98.1% 98.4%-98.1%
July 92.5% 92.4%-92.5%
Wednesday sales: 16,692,000 bushels

Chicago Corn

December 89.1% 88.4%-88.1%
May 87 86.5%-86.5%
July 84 83.5%-83.1%
Total sales: 7,487,000 bushels

Winnipeg Wheat

December 77.1% 77.4%-77.1%
May 82.4% 82.4%-82.4%
July 83.5% 82.4%-83%

New York Sugar

December 1.09 2.00-2.00
March 1.78 1.70-1.77
May 1.63 1.51-1.52
July 1.60 1.55-1.56

Total sales: 5,000 tons

New York Silk

December 1.30% 1.31-1.32
March 1.31 1.32-1.32%
May 1.32% 1.33% 1.34

Total sales: 87 lots

Montreal Silver

December 53.50 53.40-53.40
March 64.16 64.25-64.25
May 66.05 64.85-64.90
July 66.30 65.45-65.45

Total sales: 7 contracts

New York Metals

Copper, March 6.39 6.25
Tin, March 50.05 50.05

LONDON STOCK
EXCHANGE

LATEST SHARE
QUOTATIONS

The following quotations on the London Stock Exchange have been received by Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz in conjunction with Reuter.

British Government Securities

Dec. 19. Dec. 20.

War Loan 315.7% redm. after 1952 £107.5% £107.5%

Chinese Bonds

44.5% Bonds 1898

(Eng. Iss.) £103 £103

43.5% Loan 1904 £.99 £.99

5% Loan 1912 £.84 £.85

5% Reorg. Loan

1918 (Ldn. Iss.) £.98.5 £.90.5

5% Bonds 1925-47 £.97 £.97.5

5% Shai-Nanking

Rly. £.77 £.77.5

5% Tientsin

Rly. £.20.5 £.30.5

5% Tientsin

Railway (Supl.) £.26 £.26.5

5% Shai-H'chow

Ningpo Rly. £.100 £.100

5% Honan Rly. £.20.5 £.26.5

5% Hukung Rly.

£.46.5 £.46.5

5% Lung-Tien Rly.

£.16 £.16.5

Foreign Bonds and Banks

German 7.5% Int.

Loan 1924 £.64.5 £.64

Japan 5% Sterling

Loan 1907 £.83.5 £.83.5

Japan 6% Sterling

Loan 1924 £.95.5 £.95.5

H.K. & S'han Bk.

(Ldn. Regd.) £.137.5 £.137.5

Chard. Bk. £.16 £.16

Industrials and Breweries

Associated Elec. Ind.

24.7/2 24.6

British-Amer. Ind.

124.4/2 124.4/2

(Beverly)

20.5/3 20/

Tate & Lyle 100/3 101/

Constituents 46.5/3 45.7/2

Dishforth 94.5/3 94.5/

Dunlop Rubber 48.4/2 48.3/

Everlast 5/- sh. 22.5/ 22.6/

General Electric (England) 50/ 50/

Boots 5/- sh. 45.4/2 46.6/

Impl. Chem. Ind. 30.7/2 30.4/2

Impl. Chem. Ind. 9.1/2 9.1/2

Def. 101/- sh. 114/6 114/6

Impl. Tobacco 13.9/ 13.9/

Woolworths 5/- sh. 114/6 114/6

Internat. Nickel no par val. \$22.5 \$22.5

Pinchin Johnson 10/- sh. 51/ 51/

Turner & Newall 42/0 43/-

Unilever 24/ 23.5/

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NOTES OF THE DAY

SOMEBODY KNOWS

Not long ago we made enquiries as to what might be the future of Hongkong as an airport. We got no very satisfactory answer. From official sources we could get no information whatever, and the only response from private quarters was that it was hoped that various enterprises would include Hongkong in their air Itineraries. Whether permission to any but British owned and operated machines to trade in and through the Colony would be forthcoming, no-one knew for certain. Meanwhile, all about the Colony, in the Philippines, in China, and farther afield, preparations were going forward to meet the demands of the future, to prepare for the advent of commercial air services, but no-one apparently knew what Hongkong proposed to do in this direction. Now, according to Chinese news sources, Sir Alexander Cadogan, the British Minister, has announced that when the Canton-Hankow Railway is completed it is probable that Imperial Airways will connect with Hongkong. We have no assurance that this announcement is official, and just why Imperial Airways should wait upon the completion of the Canton-Hankow railway is not exactly clear. For whether or not this railway operates, Hongkong must eventually be joined in the world's air system, and the sooner plans are made for this development the better for this Colony.

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FRIDAY, DEC. 21, 1934.

NO NEED FOR DESPAIR

Whilst regret is naturally felt that the London naval conversations have produced no tangible results, it is satisfactory to note the strong hopes which are still entertained of an eventual understanding being reached between the Powers concerned. As the official communiqué on the adjournment states, the object of the conversations was not the reaching of hard and fast conclusions; they were designed for the purpose of preparing the ground for future negotiations and agreement. Japan's decision to denounce the Washington Treaty—automatically—carries with it the abandonment of the proposed Naval Conference next year, unless, which is hardly to be expected, fresh developments occur in the meantime leading to hopes of a solution acceptable to all parties. None the less, there is ample time left in which to seek an adjustment of viewpoint, inasmuch as the Washington Treaty will still remain in force for another two years. A great deal can happen in that time, and it is reassuring to feel that both Britain and United States are anxious that some plan should be evolved which would command general approval. In this connection, it must not be overlooked that although Japan is still insistent on equality, she has all through the conversations laid stress on the point that she does not desire unrestricted armaments competition, but wishes to replace the existing Treaty by a more comprehensive pact. Her willingness to enter into a sweeping disarmament understanding is also so much to the good. In short, there is evidence of a unity of purpose on the part of all three Powers, even though opinions be divided on the methods of attaining the desired end. The task which remains to be fulfilled is to bring the parties into closer alignment with a view to evolving a substitute for the Washington Treaty which shall serve the main purposes for which that document was devised. The alternative to this is a futile naval armaments race which would not only prove extremely costly to all engaged in it, but would not be any gain for Japan, since neither Britain nor the United States are prepared to concede actual equality. The net result would be that Japan would have merely added to her naval

AIRSHIPS PERSIST

It is interesting to notice that while many Americans have taken it for granted that the large dirigible will never have any practical use, the Germans are going calmly ahead with plans to put these big ships to work. Next March the Zeppelin workers at Friedrichshafen will complete a new dirigible even larger than the Graf of trans-Atlantic and world "cruise" fame—a giant that will contain 25 state-rooms for passengers, and elaborate equipment to ensure everyone's comfort. The Germans have by no means given up their confidence in the dirigible. On the contrary, they are planning for a day when airship lines will be as common as aeroplane lines. Is there not, perhaps, in that fact, an indication that we are a trifle hasty in assuming that the dirigible is and always must be impractical?

expenditure and still not have attained her desire. A point which needs stressing is that Anglo-American policy is primarily based on a recognition of the varying needs of the three Powers, and that neither the one country nor the other seeks to follow a course which would in any wise endanger Japanese security. When that aspect of the situation is fully appreciated, it should be possible to work out a plan to the mutual benefit of all the Powers concerned.

HUNDRED YEARS OF
ROYAL WEDDINGS

By MRS. FRANCIS LASCELLES

ROYAL marriages have always fascinated the people of these islands, who see in royal love matches the culmination of many ideals.

Undoubtedly the most momentous British royal wedding for centuries was that of Queen Victoria to Prince Albert, which took place on February 10, 1840. The fact that the bride was the reigning Sovereign of the most powerful Empire in the world lent tremendous importance to the event, and guests from all over the world poured into London.

Queen Victoria was barely 21 when she was married, and at the time she was a very attractive girl, inclined to plumpness, with fair skin, rosy cheeks, and blue eyes. In the preparations for her wedding Queen Victoria took the most minute interest.

The ceremony took place at the Chapel Royal, St. James's, and, small though the building was, the wedding lacked nothing in splendour and dignity. The young Queen, with the blue ribbon of the Garter across her white dress, made a regal bride; her tall husband looked handsome and distinguished.

The bridal procession, with its eight bridesmaids, was a glittering sight, and one of the attendants, it is interesting to recall, was the mother of the present Queen Mary. The future Duchess of Teck was only seven years of age at the time, but she had a vivid remembrance of the great day to the end of her life.

The bridal pair were vociferously cheered by thousands of people all along the route, and the Queen and her bridegroom were all smiles as they drove back as man and wife. The honeymoon was spent at Windsor Castle and lasted only three days.

The next royal wedding which captured the imagination of the country—and, indeed, of all Europe—was the marriage of the Prince of Wales, afterwards King Edward VII, to Princess Alexandra of Denmark.

No more beautiful bride than the radiant "sea king's daughter" ever stepped before on British soil, and on landing at Gravesend she became at once the idol of the nation.

The marriage took place at St. George's Chapel, Windsor, on March 10, 1863, and the scene in the historic and beautiful chapel was a never-to-be-forgotten one. The bridal gown of dazzling white worn by Queen Alexandra was considered at the time to be the most artful creation of its kind ever seen in Europe, and the eight bridesmaids were a collection of beauties unmatched at any royal wedding before or since. The celebrated Jenny Lind sang the chorale at the ceremony.

London, Windsor, and the country generally celebrated the wedding of the popular heir to the Throne with unbounded enthusiasm. All the London theatres were thrown open free to the public, bonfires were lit on nearly every hill in the country, official banquets and feasts to the poor were notable features of the celebrations.

The future King Edward and his lovely bride spent their honeymoon in the Isle of Wight, and to the end of their long lives their brilliant

honey wedding day was a precious memory to them both.

The wedding of the present King and Queen on July 10, 1893, was solemnised in the Chapel Royal, St. James's, and was a ceremony which made a particularly strong appeal to the nation.

The famous Dr. Benson was Archibishop of Canterbury at the time, and it was this distinguished prelate, assisted by the Bishop of London (Dr. Temple, later Archibishop of Canterbury) and the Bishop of Rochester (afterwards Archbishop of Davidson), who performed the marriage ceremony.

Among the guests at the brilliant occasion in the Chapel Royal was the ill-fated Czar of Russia, Queen Mary with her bright hair and rose, and cream complexion was a typical English bride, and her dignity and beauty completely captured the multitudes of people who crammed the route to and from St. James's. The wedding breakfast was held in Buckingham Palace, and the honeymoon was spent at Sandringham.

The infectious smile of the Duchess and the pride on the face of her young husband will never be forgotten by anyone fortunate enough to have seen the couple drive away from the Abbey.

Another British royal wedding which aroused great interest was that of Princess Maud, the King's niece, and Lord Carnegie, who were married in November 1923. This was the last wedding at which Queen Alexandra was present, and she delightedly threw confetti at the happy couple.

The marriage of Lady Mary Cambridge, the Queen's niece, to Captain Abel Smith in October 1931 at the parish church in Balcombe, Sussex, will ever be memorable as the first wedding at which Princess Elizabeth acted as bridesmaid.

The list of royal weddings this century is thus already a long one. British royalties are now following the dictates of their hearts, and no marriages in Europe have been so uniformly successful as those contracted by the members of our reigning House.

There were few British royal marriages in the early part of the twentieth century. Another did not take place in England until 1913, when Prince Arthur of Connaught, the only son of the Duke of Connaught, married the Duchess of Fife, the daughter of the late Princess Royal. This was a royal romance which excited great public interest, and the young couple received a great ovation before and after the ceremony.

The Great War effectively put a stop to royal marriages—and even rumours of them—but the marriage in 1919 of the beloved Princess "Pat," daughter of the Duke of Connaught, revived in full measure the love of the British public for such ceremonies. Princess "Pat's" choice was Rear-Admiral Sir A. M. Ramsay. This union compelled the Princess to relinquish her royal rank.

That was the first royal wedding to take place in Westminster Abbey for over 600 years, and to this marriage outstanding.

The most important social event of 1922 was the marriage of the

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The Very Idea!

MERRY CHRISTMAS

By Eddie "Santa" Kelly.

THE grim form of Father Christmas is stalking the land.

Table-knives are being inserted surreptitiously into innocent children's money-boxes by furtive fathers.

Mothers are pondering whether to give the old man a packet of cigarettes for Christmas or a box of matches.

Thieves are abroad. Do something. Chase 'em! Stop 'em! What's the S.P.C.A. doing about it?

A wire-whiskered old goat gallivanting around the Colony in a red-flannel nightgown is causing all this bother.

Why can't the police get their Claus on him?

If he's not arrested before Tuesday, we're wrecked.

All the Christmas presents we've got to buy, and our last ten cents filched from us on Monday and flung into the Christmas pudding.

Fortunately we know where it is. We marked the place on the outside with an almond.

There's been only one bright spot in the preliminary proceedings. The missus said to us, "What about drinks? I suppose you'd better see to that. How much will it cost?"

We said, "Well, there'll be Whalesteeth and his headache, and gran-daddy and the boys in the office, that'll be about a hundred bucks. Then there's me... say about six or seven hundred."

She said, "All right. Go and take seven hundred dollars out of my purse—but no more." (You lie, you dog. You know you lie.)

Anyway, we managed to borrow fifty bucks by biting all our pals, and after we have finished this job will wander out to do our Christmas shopping. When the local firms heard that we were going to pay cash for our purchases they mobbed us.

Bitting our pals was easy. You know:

"Say, George, old man, if you could lend me ten bucks yuletide me over Christmas."

Rotten pun, but that's what the festive season does to 'n man.

We haven't decided yet what to buy the missus and the girl friends, but the kids were easy.

They made a list to be posted to Father Christmas. Young Alie wanted an aeroplane (Comet), an electric toy train complete with signals, waiting room and ticket office, costing approximately \$250, a rifle and three million rounds of ammunition, and the model of the Empress of Britain. In the Canadian Pacific window. So we bought him a whistle. Not very useful or instructive, we know, but it'll be handy to annoy the police.

We are expecting a lot of presents ourself before Tuesday. We have hired a godown to store them all. We have already received four calendars, 231 circular letters, 3 Christmas cards and an invitation to Santa Claus Land.

Still, seeing that Christmas is the time for goodwill and all that, we're going to wash out all the dirty cracks we've made about people during the past twelve months. Besides, they may forget, and send us along a couple of hogheads, or a sedan car, or something.

As a matter of fact, it might pay us to cultivate this spirit of fellowship of man and peace on earth a bit in the future.

No more satire about taipans. We'll start on Christmas morn-ing with the wife. Something like this: "Well, old dear, despite your floppy ears and grey hair, and apart from the fact that you've made life a living hell for me—with all your bad points, you're pretty juicy."

And she'll say, "Oh, Boy! A merry Christmas at you!"

And you too. Don't gorge yourself.

CHRISTMAS ODE
Jean made a hit at the party,
And I soared to the planets in
mirth—
But the hit she made after the
party
Suddenly brought me to earth.

MINT SAUCE
And then there was the ignorant person who thought that the Royal Mint was what the King and Queen used with their Christmas lamb.



Fliers Span Atlantic WITH CHRISTMAS PACKAGES

DUTCH PLANE'S TRIUMPH

Paramaribo, Dec. 20. The first Atlantic crossing by a Dutch air-liner was successfully accomplished to-day when a big Fokker, carrying Christmas mails, arrived here from Amsterdam.

The Governor of Dutch Guiana was among the great crowd which greeted the fliers when they landed and gave them the warmest of welcomes.

On the last stage of the flight, a 2,250 mile leg from the Cape Verde Islands, the fliers were over a part of the Atlantic never before crossed by aircraft. They covered the long ocean course in 18 hours. —Reuter.

ROAD FUND GRANTS

BRIDGE AND OTHER SCHEMES

London, Dec. 20. It was announced in the House of Commons that an additional provision of £500,000 will be made available out of the Road Fund for grants to a scheme for reconstruction of weak bridges and for other urgent improvements with which highway authorities are ready to proceed immediately.

Grants at the rate of 75 per cent, towards 25 bridge schemes, estimated to cost about £400,000 are being issued at once. These are additional to about 80 schemes for reconstructing weak bridges or replacing level crossings at a total cost of £670,000, which the Transport Minister has already approved during the year.

Highway authorities are thus being helped to provide at once a substantial volume of useful work. —British Wireless.

CHRISTMAS IN FRANCE

SIR JOHN AND LADY SIMON

London, Dec. 20. Sir John and Lady Simon are going to the South of France for the Christmas holiday. They will leave England on Saturday and stay at Cannes for about a fortnight.

The Foreign Secretary will pass through Paris. Although he will be in the French capital for only a few hours, he hopes to have an opportunity of seeing the French Premier and Foreign Minister, Messrs. Blaquin and Laval. —British Wireless.

CHARHAR LOSING MONGOLIA TRADE

SOVIET FIRM HOLDS RIGHTS

Peking, Dec. 21. According to a high official of the Charhar Government, considerable difficulty still exists in the way of a satisfactory settlement of the trade problem between Charhar and Outer Mongolia.

Most of the trade rights are monopolised by a Soviet-financed firm, which, therefore, leaves Charhar in a very unfavourable position.

It is urged that Peking Administration take up this matter with Outer Mongolia without delay. —Central News.

WANG CHING-WEI ILL

Nanking, Dec. 20. Mr. Wang Ching-wei, President of the Executive Yunnan, is proceeding to Shanghai by a special train tonight in order to consult Dr. Noll on his physical condition. He will also visit Mr. Koo Meng-yu, Minister of Railways, and Admiral Chen Shao-kuang, Minister of the Navy, both of whom are in hospital. —Central News.

Mr. A. D. A. MacGregor, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, together with Mr. MacGregor, left, by the Malabar Liner, President Coolidge for the Christmas holidays in Manila. The big list of passengers by the President Coolidge includes Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Hodgson and Miss Hodgson, Mr. H. R. Sturt, General Manager of the China Underwriters, and Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Ashman. Mr. Ashman is Port Steward of the Dollar Steamship Lines in San Francisco.

COLONY'S TRADE DECREASE REVEALED IN STATISTICS

The Statistical Office of the Imports and Exports Department reports that, during the first eleven months of 1934, imports of merchandise into the Colony of Hongkong totalled \$377.7 millions (\$28.4 millions), as compared with \$464.1 millions (£21.3 millions) in the corresponding period of 1933; a decrease in terms of Hongkong currency of 18.6 per cent, whilst exports of merchandise were valued at \$296.7 millions (£22.3 millions), as compared with \$375.1 millions (£25.3 millions) in the corresponding period of 1933; a decrease in terms of Hongkong currency of 20.9 per cent.

Figures for the month of November, 1934, show that imports of merchandise into the Colony amounted to a declared value of \$38.8 millions (£2.4 millions), as compared with \$40.6 millions (£2.9 millions) in November of 1933; a decrease in terms of local currency of 4.4 per cent.

Exports of merchandise totalled \$29.6 millions (£2.4 millions), as compared with \$33.7 millions (£2.4 millions); a decrease in terms of local currency of 12.6 per cent.

Since November, 1933, total imports of merchandise into Hongkong fluctuated from the lowest Hongkong dollar value (29.6 millions) in February 1934, to the highest (40.6 millions) in November, 1933; whilst exports fluctuated from \$22.2 millions in February, 1934, to \$33.7 millions in November, 1933.

CHEAP ATLANTIC RATES

BRITISH PLAN NOT FAVOURED

London, Dec. 20. The proposal of British groups to buy the Red Star Liners and organise a new trans-Atlantic service at cheap rates was again raised in the House of Commons to-day.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Chamberlain, replying to a question, refused to consider his decision to discourage the necessary capital issue to finance this project. He said the recent revision of the scheme by its promoters did not alter the fact it would revive uneconomic competition, to the prejudice of British interests in the North Atlantic trade. —British Wireless.

PANCHEN LAMA WILL RETURN TO TIBET

ALL DIFFICULTIES NOW REMOVED

Peking, Dec. 20. A message reaching here from Tibet states that as a result of General Huang Wu-sung's efforts at Lhasa all difficulty that obstructs the return of the Panchen Lama to Tibet has been removed.

As an indication of the general favourable feeling shown among the Tibetan people toward the Panchen Lama, a delegation jointly sent by three leading Buddhist Convents in Tibet to welcome the Panchen Lama back, is on its way here. —Central News.

ARMS EMBARGO VIOLATION?

BELGIUM & NORWAY INDICTED

Geneva, Dec. 20. Britain has complained to the League of Nations with regard to alleged violations of the arms embargo to Paraguay and Bolivia by Belgium and Norway.

Latest reports of the hostilities show that heavy fighting is proceeding between the Paraguayan and Bolivian forces. —Reuter.

IN WIRELESS TOUCH

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong today:—Alipore, Tungshun, Aden Maru, Suga, Toyoi Maru, Bremenhaven, Hongkong, Patroclus, Cromer, Afrika, Katsuta, Hazan Maru, Antonios Stathatos, Trier, Ninghai, Norvalken, Kamo, Carignano, Kutsang, Shunchih, Ajax, Wing Lee, Tatan, Hydrangen, Taiming, Empress of Russia, Prosper, President Coolidge.

The vehicular ferry will be maintained up to 2 a.m. on December 24, 26 and 31.

The Hongkong Civil Service Cricket Club is holding its annual prize-giving and children's Christmas tree on December 20 for members and their children. Tea will be served at 3.30 p.m. and the presentation of prizes and toys from the Christmas tree will take place at 5 p.m.

Hockey Interport Postponed

COLONY UNABLE TO RAISE A TEAM

Hopes of a hockey interport with Malaya were dashed yesterday, when, at a meeting of the Council of the Hongkong Hockey Association, it was decided that the Interport be postponed until next year, in view of the inability to raise a team to send to the southern port.

Mr. W. Woodward presided and others present were Mr. F. A. Kemp (Secretary), Mr. A. M. Xavier (Treasurer), Capt. R. S. C. Bates (Army), F. G. Barros (Incongruous), G. T. Palmer (Y. M. C. A.), A. E. Guest (St. Andrew's), Jahan Dad (Kowloon Indians), Surg. Cdr. A. E. Phillips (Royal Navy) and Surgeon Singh (Radio).

The meeting decided to accept the invitation of the Macao Hockey Association to play an Interport match at Macao, and it was decided to suggest, Sunday, February 4, for the date of the match.

On a proposal by Surg.-Cdr. Phillips, it was decided that the Interport with Macao be an annual fixture, played alternately in Hongkong and Macao.

In response to circulars sent to the various clubs for representatives for the Interport with Malaya, only ten names were received, and the meeting decided to postpone the match to next year.

The following were appointed to select the Hongkong team to meet Macao: Lt. C. C. Garthwaite (Army), Surg.-Cdr. Phillips (Royal Navy) and A. D. Dand (Civilians). The last three Sundays in January were fixed for trial matches.

Clubs are requested to submit names of players for the Macao match to the secretary, Mr. Kemp, as soon as possible.

LIST OF AWARDS

The following is a list of players decided upon by the Council as having the right to wear badges:

Combined Colony and International badge—Lt. C. C. Garthwaite, Pte. Hollingsworth, H. J. D. Lewis, E. V. Reed, W. A. Reed, A. M. Rodriguez, Kalwant Singh and L/Naik Lal Singh.

Colony badge—S. C. Archer, Lt. E. N. V. Currey, Lt. Cdr. J. A. Currie-Hill, Lt. W. S. Donald, Lt. J. H. Enden, Surg.-Cdr. A. E. Phillips, J. Rodger, Lt. E. N. V. Sinclair, Guruchan Singh, and R. H. Wong.

International badge—Lt.-Cdr. T. W. Atkinson, F. G. Barros, Lt. Bartlett, N. Beltrao, A. A. Dand, Alf Din, M. H. Hassan, J. Goncalves, Lt. Hoogard, Lt. N. V. Metcalfe, Nur Mohamed, J. E. Noronha, Sub-Taj Mohamed, Oliveira, J. M. Pinto, H. Senor, Walayat Shah, A. P. Ean de Silva, Awatir Singh, Dally Singh, Karan Singh, Pardaman Singh, A. P. Souda, O. de Souza, A. M. Xavier, and L/Cpl. Yoeman.

LAND OF THE FREE

IRISHMEN NO LONGER BRITISH SUBJECTS

Dublin, Dec. 20. By 51 votes to 36, the Dail today passed the final stage of the Citizenship Bill.

Mr. Frank MacDermot of the United Ireland Party declared the Bill was a bogus step towards a 32 counties Republic, which was unattainable.

In reply, Mr. de Valera declared that the measure was aimed at removing from the Irish Law any suggestion that the Irish were British subjects. —Reuter.

EXCHANGE RATES

	Dec. 19.	Dec. 20.
Paris	74.27/32	74.73
Geneva	15.24	15.25
Helsingfors	12.29	12.29
Oslo	2261/2	2261/2
Athens	517	517
Buenos Aires	573/4	573/4
New York	1/4/1	1/4/1
Amsterdam	2.30/2	2.30/2
Vienna	263	263
Prague	1181/2	1181/2
Bucharest	492/2	492/2
Madrid	361/2	361/2
Hongkong	1/81/2	1/81/2
Brussels	21.10	21.12
Lisbon	—	—
Bombay	1/6.17/16	1/6.17/16
Yokohama	1/2.1/64	1/2.1/64
Montevideo	41/2	41/2
Belgrade	218	218
Montreal	4.80/2	4.80/2
Silver (Spot)	24.1/10	24.9/10
War Loan	1073/4	107.15/16
	British Wireless.	

The Orient Tobacco Manufactury, Hongkong, send neat wall calendars for the coming year.

The Hongkong Ladies' Hockey Club annual dance will take place at the Peninsula Hotel roof garden on January 18.

Cambridge Association football Blues have been awarded to S. E. Smeturst (Manchester Grammar School), D. Parker (King Edward's School), and K. P. S. Caldwell (Charterhouse).

THE F.B.I. MISSION TO MANCHUKUO

DEFINITE OPENINGS FOR BRITAIN

London, Dec. 20.

The long-awaited report of the Federation of British Industries Mission to Manchukuo and Japan was issued to-day.

The report states that the mission was entirely unofficial and non-political. It emphasises that reports, attributing to members of the Mission statements of a political nature are entirely without foundation.

The report states that owing to fresh contacts made by the Mission, the Federation of British Industries is now in a far better position than ever before to introduce intending business visitors to leading business and official circles in Japan. The Mission strongly urges interested firms to send out responsible representatives to study problems on the spot.

The Mission found a genuine spirit of friendship towards Britain existing in Japan. This, they claim, has been strengthened by their visit and by the formation of a permanent link representing British and Japanese industry in London and Tokyo.

Definite Openings

The Mission reached the definite conclusion that there were openings for British industry, chiefly in the provision of capital and goods in connection with the rapid development now occurring.

They offered the Manchukuo authorities the collaboration of British industry and the Mission received a written assurance, accepting in principle such collaboration.

Concrete proposals supporting this principle will be submitted to the Mission in due course.

In view of the substantial participation of British industry in the contemplated development works, subject to mutual agreement as regards prices and terms of payment, a preliminary agreement has been reached relating to the supply of steel products to Japan. Delivery will be made to Japan and Manchukuo during 1935. Details have been communicated to the British Iron and Steel Federation.

The report finally gives an appreciation, from a business viewpoint only, of conditions in Manchukuo. It says the inhabitants enjoy an increasing measure of security and ordered Government. They are subject to a reasonable system of taxation fairly administered, and the advantages of sound currency.

"A modern state is being created," concludes the report. "Although difficulties lie ahead, we believe they will be overcome and economic prosperity will gradually be achieved for the benefit of Manchukuo and the trade of other countries." —Reuter.

No Trade War

London, Dec. 20.

London morning newspapers are espousing an Anglo-Japanese economic entente, instead of a trade war.

The 36-page Report of the Federation of British Industries Mission to Manchukuo announced that the Manchukuo Government is preparing proposals with a view to the substantial participation of British industry in Manchukuo's development.

The Report adds that an agreement has already been reached for the delivery of British steel products to Japan and Manchukuo in 1935.

The Report revealed that the Manchukuo authorities handed Lord Barnby "written assurance on the principle of British collaboration in the development of Manchukuo as being definitely accepted." It affirmed that the Mission obtained an assurance of offers of business on a large scale.

Emphasising the Mission's non-political character, the Report throughout is friendly to Japan, though critical. —United Press.

TRADE AGREEMENT

ANGLO-PERUVIAN TALKS IN LONDON

London, Dec. 20.

Formal negotiations between the British and Peruvian Governments for a commercial agreement began yesterday, in London, with the visit of the Peruvian Minister to the Board of Trade and Foreign Office.

Detailed discussions will begin early in the New Year.

In each of the last two years, the United Kingdom has had an adverse balance of trade with Peru of over £2,000,000. —British Wireless.

RADIO BROADCAST

Three Studio Items For This Evening

U.S. MARINES DRAW

(Continued from Page 8).

Only six of the famous side of 1929 took the field yesterday at Happy Valley but that number included Rasmussen, who never fails to thrill the spectators. Possessing an amazing turn of speed he was outstanding and his try which opened the Marines account was one of the best seen on the Club ground this season. Taking a pass midway down the field he broke out from the rest of the players, swerved past Rawlinson and with another spectacular swerve a few yards further on passed Hemens to ground the ball between the posts.

Taken as a whole the Marines were much faster than the Cornish, especially in the pack. Wherever the ball went three or four of the visitors were in attendance. They were also much heavier but were forced to concede many of the tight scrums to the sailors. Their kicking was also of a very high order, many dangerous situations being relieved by long touch-finding.

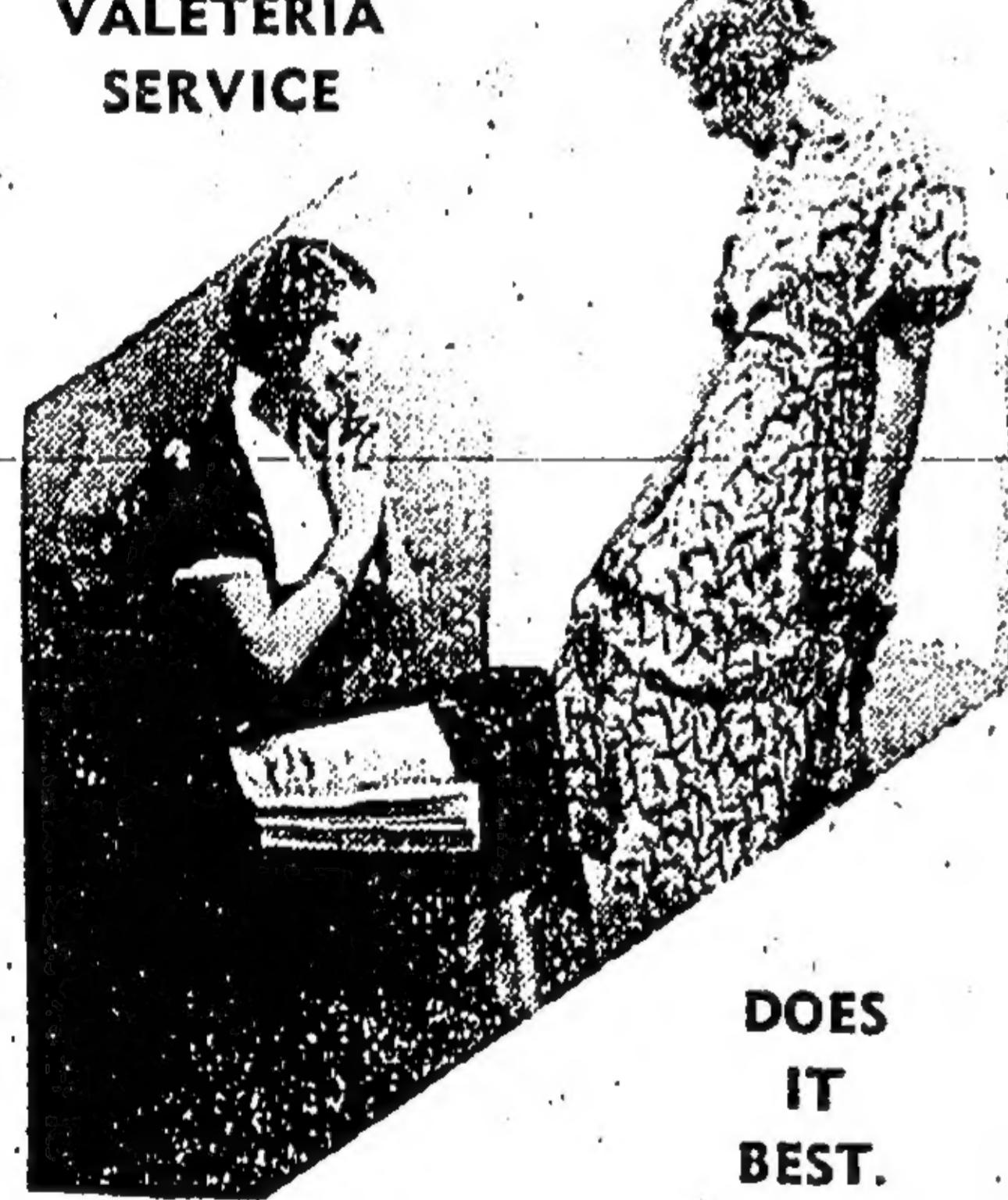
The Cornish "threes" were weak in sending and taking passes, many of those missed efforts giving their opponents a decided advantage when they brought their feet into play. Lt. Cmdr. Neame played a good game at the base of the scrum and was keen in many movements. Lt. Webster was another prominent player.

They Navy team opened the scoring after about ten minutes play when Galletly landed a nice penalty goal. Thereafter, until the interval, the Marines pressed strongly but could not get over the line.

Then came Rasmussen's try shortly after the interval which he himself converted to put the Marines ahead. Lt. Moe increased the lead when he fell on the ball as it went over following some close play near the corner flag. A penalty kick for the Cornish near the "25" proved fruitless and with a minute to go they looked a beaten team. Just before the final whistle, however, Hume crossed over for Galletly to majorise and level the scoring.

THE TEAMS

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The Grand National

TOM WALLS' SECRET HORSE

(By W. F. Sanderson)

Mr. Tom Walls hopes to win the Grand National next year with a horse ridden by his son. The ex-policeman film star, actor, jockey, racehorse trainer, and owner of a Derby winner (April the Fifth) has made an entry—the name is a secret—for the world's greatest steeplechase, run at Liverpool.

"You will see," he says, "I think I shall win it."

You cannot beat Tom Walls for optimism. I suggested that it would be a grand idea if once again he went into training and rode the horse himself.

"I'm afraid that can't be done. I should have the R.S.P.C.A. after me if I did that, but we are going to keep it in the family."

When Tom Walls, sen., said that his Grand National horse would be ridden by Tom Walls jun., the world was nearly out.

Did not Tom Walls jun. ride Crafty Alice to victory in the Grand Military Gold Cup Steeplechase at Sandown Park last March?

Of course that is a guess, and Tom Walls may have another surprise up his sleeve. He did say to me, "Wait till 'Liverpool'. I'll have another April the Fifth surprise for you, but this time it will be in the Grand National."

Mid. Sturdy, Mid. Rawlinson, Marine Hume; Lt. Cmdr. Neame, Lt. Webster; Lt. Cmdr. Atkins, E. R. A. Galletly, E. R. A. Dibsdall, Marine Harris, A. B. Tucker, A. B. Wilson, Lt. Ford, and Lt. Copeman.

U. S. Marines: Zajac; Galley, Bateyman, Holmes, Barnes, Arbae, Rasmussen; Goodall, Moa, Forster, Ford, Marion, La Rose, Snyder and Cheek.

TOM COBLEY FOR ST. JOHN'S CUP

NEW FORM OF BETTING

(By "CAPT. FOSTER")

The first meeting under N. H. Rules takes place next Sunday at Kwanti. The first race will be run at 2.30 p.m. and the Card consists of five events, including the popular Ladies' race.

The Stewards of the Fanning Hunt and Race Club are to be congratulated in their endeavour to popularize the Meetings by making the betting more attractive, especially in these more too flourishing days. Instead of the customary win and place Parlay-Mutuel, we shall see a new form of betting, known as, the "wire" system in Australia, where, I gather, it is very popular.

In future, there will be one form of betting, and holders of tickets will receive dividends in the order of the finish. The winner will receive 60% of the Pool, less betting tax, etc., etc., and the second and third ponies 20% each. I cannot say very much regarding the ponies competing next Sunday, as the training of the majority of them over jumps has been somewhat restricted.

For the first race, The Volunteers' Hurdle race, I think Widnes should score easily, with Mouche and Roundhead second and third. TAPIO STEEPELCHASE
Burgomaster will find the op-

WEEK-END FOOTBALL

Recreio And Club Teams

The Club de Recreio first eleven will meet St. Joseph's, their old rivals, on Sunday in the senior football League at Carolina Hill and will be represented by the following:—E. M. Marques; R. Silva-Neto and J. Bowen; N. Delgado; N. A. Beltrao and Y. H. Marques; T. Caetano, B. Gossano, A. V. Gossano, J. Gomes and J. Alves.

SECOND TEAM

The Club de Recreio second team will be represented by the following in their match on Saturday against the Royal Engineers' King's Park: M. Fernandes, E. J. Silva and E. Lawrence; R. Laurel, C. P. Figueirido and H. A. Remedios; C. A. Marques, H. Campos, C. Santos, L. Caetano and A. Alves.

CLUB ELEVENS

The Club, who meet the Police for First Division points tomorrow will be represented by the following: Rodger; Gamble, S. Strange; Hynes, Skinner, Duncan, Fowler, Brown, Howe, E. Strange and Bickford.

The Club second string will be represented by the following in their Second Division match against South China: Payne; Railton, Binnie; McKellar, Forrow, Nicholls, G. Williams, Fisher, G. Duncan, Bitter and Sloan.

position pretty stiff in the Tai Po Steeplechase Handicap, as I can see Wakefield, Sticky Past and Racing Pluck making him go a good gallop all the way. With more schooling, I think, Racing Pluck will make his presence felt in subsequent steeplechases at Kwanti. In any case, I shall not be surprised to see him register a win on his first appearance on Sunday.

Punch is supposed to be "a good bet" for the Tally-ho Hurdle race.

Winchester Stag should finish second and Skewbald Griffin third.



Battling for Pacific Coast Conference football honours and a bid to star when Washington meets Stanford at Palo Alto Saturday. Left to right: Ed Nowogroksky, husky fullback; Jay Hornbeck, toper; Jimmy Phelan's ace quarterback, "Bones" Hamilton and Frank Alustiza, a pair of halfbacks from "Down on the Farm."

LAST RACE MEETING

(Continued from Page 8).

between the second and third novv. We could not be treated to better finishes, more especially to wind up the Season.

Ribble (Mr. P. P. Botelho) just won the Tardy Handicap from Monoplane and Valorous (Mr. Heard). Valorous was not too well placed in the run-in, but for this I think he would have just about won the race.

Great Hall (Mr. Pih) was, I think, fortunate to secure the hand verdict from Iron Grey (Mr. P. P. Botelho) and Heart's Glory (Mr. Deltz). Iron Grey, to my mind, was an unlucky lover; he could not come through until too late but when an opening did present itself, he came up very fast and was rapidly overhauling Great Hall, but did not quite get up to secure first place.

The finish of the Finale Plate was in a way somewhat a surprise to me as I did not think Little Beauty (Mr. W. H. Choy) would be beaten. In the race, especially when coming into the straight, he looked all over a winner until about a hundred yards from home. Delightful Chance (Mr. F. F. Li) came on the scene very fast and eventually won somewhat easily by two and a half lengths. Soldier of Fortune (Mr. H. A. de B. Botelho) also sputtered and passed the now tiring Little Beauty near the winning post to finish second.

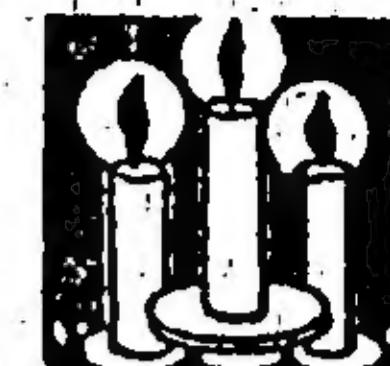
Soldier of Italy and The Goat should fill the minor places. Marina, I understand, is shaping nicely but she strikes me as being "too big" to be dangerous on Sunday.

The Loafer is my fancy for the Ladies' Scurry and I think he will be followed home by Red Leaves and Kung.

For the St. John's Cup over approximately three miles of fair hunting country, Tom Cobley should experience no difficulty in another win to his credit.

Winchester Stag should finish second and Skewbald Griffin third.

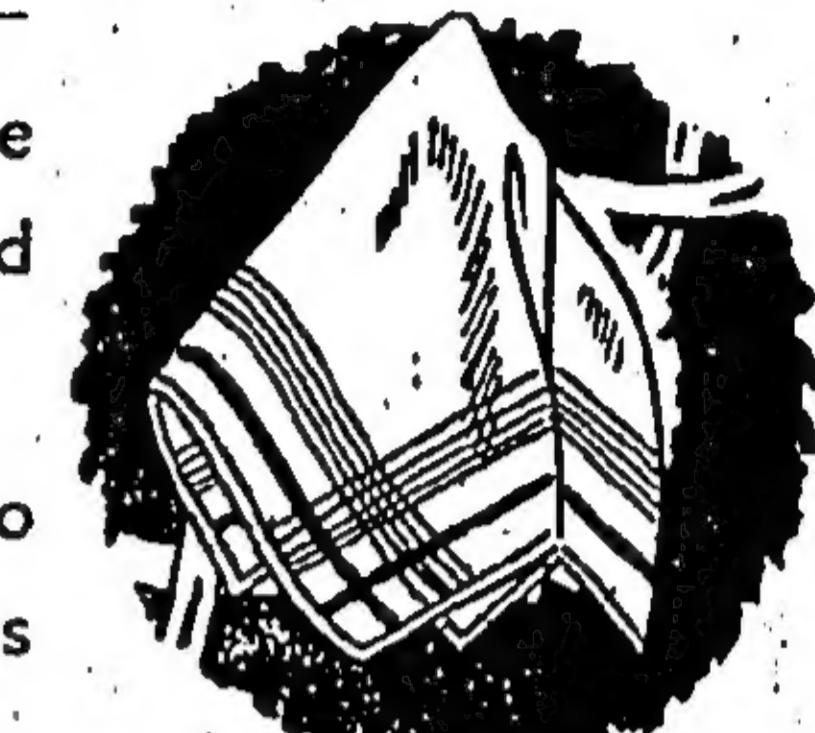
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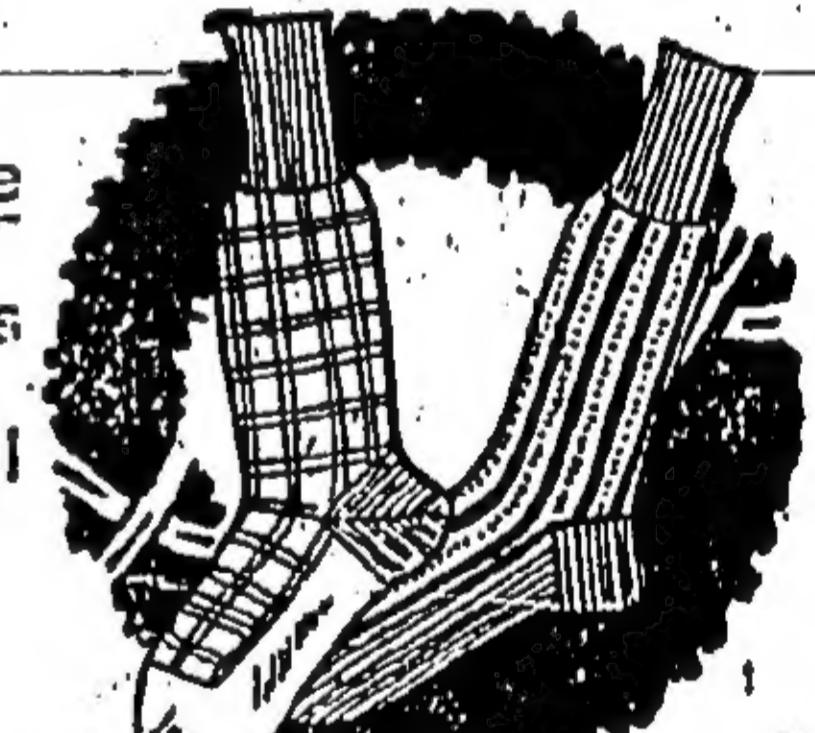
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CINEMA NEWS

NOTES FROM THE THEATRES

Somewhere in the world, in a private collection, or on the dusty shelves of a second-hand book store, there is a book that Alison Skipworth would pay a lot of money to own once more. In fact, after thirty years, the Paramount actress now featured in "Tillie and Gus" with W. C. Fields and "Baby" LeRoy, coming on Sunday to the King's Theatre, is still searching for it. The book is Oscar Wilde's "The Happy Prince," with an epigram across the fly leaf penned by the author himself, to the actress forty years ago. The epigram, as Miss Skipworth remembers it, reads: "Advice to a bride: Never worry over trifles and still less over serious matters. It is impossible to exaggerate the unimportance of everything." In her latest picture, "Tillie and Gus," Miss Skipworth returns to the company of W. C. Fields with whom she scored such a brilliant success in the "Road-Hop" episode in the picture, "If I Had a Million." This time Fields and Fields play the roles of Tillie and Gus Winterbottom, a pair of psalm-singing, nimble-fingered cardsharps.

"Treasure Island"

The generations of people both young and old who have been thrilled by "Treasure Island," Robert Louis Stevenson's famous story of pirate adventure, will find the vivid story-book experience of their youth created on the screen in the picture that opens to-morrow at the Queen's Theatre with Wallace Beery and Jack Cooper in co-starring roles. Full power of the most wide-read fiction book about pirates ever written has been retained in the adaptation of it by John Lee Mahin. Scenes have been reproduced exactly as described in the book with much of Stevenson's own dialogue between the characters followed to the word. With Beery as Long John Silver and Jackie Cooper as Jim Hawkins, boy adventurer, a cast has been assembled to bring each rover of the Spanish Main to the screen with living reality. Lionel Barrymore's blustering Billy Bones is one of the most entertaining characters he has ever played. Otto Kruger is forceful as Dr. Livesey. Lewis Stone's personal knowledge of sailing ships gives convincing background to his role of Captain Smollett. Nigel Bruce is a ruddy and typically English Squire Trelawny; touches of quaint humour are put into the characterization of Ben Gunn, marooned pirate, by Chic Sale. Every minor role was evidently cast with extreme care, as such well known character players as William V. Mong, Charles McNaughton, Douglas Dumbrille, Edmund Bresee, Olin Howland, Charles Erwin, James Burke and little Cora Sue Collins contribute notable performances. Every pictorial beauty and action value in the story has been brought out by the direction of Victor Fleming, who has filmed such adventure stories as "Rendezvous" and "Around the World in 80 Minutes."

"She Learned About Sailors"

"She Learned About Sailors" is showing at the Oriental Theatre to-day and to-morrow, starring Low



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PINKETTES

Ayers and Alice Faye. Alice Faye, beautiful blonde, playing the role of a smart girl who sing in a night club in an Asiatic Oriental seaport. Lew Ayres, the champion heart-breaker of the U.S. Navy, who takes shore leave and fall like a ton of bricks for the fair Faye. Frank Mitchell and Jack Durant, America's greatest knockabout vaudeville functors, portraying Lew's sailor buddies. They take it upon themselves to regulate and straighten out the latter's romantic tangles with Alice Faye, thereby causing no end of ludicrous complications. That's the set-up, the film is one of the fastest, funniest and gayest films to be released from Hollywood. To add to the hilarious comedy of the story, the film is tinged with spicy and zestful song numbers that promise to be real hits. Alice Faye sings "Here's the Key to My Heart."

"Hollywood Speaks"

The feature showing at the Alhambra Theatre to-day is "Hollywood Speaks," Columbia picture built around the inside workings of the motion picture industry. Genevieve Tobin and Pat O'Brien head a large cast, which includes Rita La Roy, Leni Stengel, Lucifer Prival and Ralf Harolde. It was directed by the czar of musical comedy star, Eddie Buzzell, from a story by Norman Krasna and J. S. Swerling.

"The Black Cat"

Everyone remembers Edgar Allan Poe's masterful tale, "The Black Cat." It was full of horror and terror and certainly not the kind of a story one would like to hear on a dark and stormy night. But Universal has come out with its own version of "The Black Cat," now showing at the King's Theatre. It was written by Peter Ruric, who took his inspiration from the Poe thriller. And for a couple-decades, there is "Frankenstein" and "Dracula" together for the first time, in other words, Karloff and Lugosi. The supporting cast has David Manners and Jacqueline Wells supplying the love interest, and Egon Brecher, Anna Duncan, Herman Bing, Lucille Lund and many others. The (Continued on Page 12.)

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CHAPTER XXXIX

Griff nodded to the lawyer. "You tell him," he said.

Fisher turned, facing Bleeker. "At the time the cheque was cashed," he said, speaking slowly and with grave emphasis, "the plot, whatever it was, was about to culminate. This man, Malone, knew that Cathay would be in a position to make any complaint. In other words, he had anticipated the death of Frank B. Cathay, in which event the canceled cheque with the forged signature would be found among his effects. A check-up of the hotel register would show that Cathay was registered there that night; that the man who had cashed the cheque had exhibited documentary evidence showing he was the son of Frank Cathay. Of course this matter would not come up until months after Cathay's death, when the estate had been probated and the claim of this man, Malone, whatever the nature of it, would be presented against the estate and brought up to trial. As you are doubtless aware, litigation takes time and is subject to a varying delay."

"The attorneys representing the Malone claim, whatever its nature, would demand that the estate produce all documents and vouchers which were in its possession. The canceled cheque could not have been before his death. It would, therefore, be destroyed because it would have come into the possession of the estate instead of the possession of Cathay before his death. It would, therefore, make an excellent demonstration of the genuineness of the forged signature."

"And what," asked Bleeker, "is the nature of this claim that Malone is to make?"

"I wish I knew," Fisher said. "I can surmise and I can suspect but my obligations to my client, gentlemen, prevent me from communicating my suspicions or my surmises. It even goes so far as to seal my lips upon facts, save such facts as I believe I may communicate without detriment to my client."

Griff stared in fixed concentration at the patterned carpet of the hotel hallway.

"I think," he said slowly, "I see what you have in mind."

"I am quite sure you do," Fisher said readily enough, "but I cannot confirm your surmises, and I do not wish to. You can, however, appreciate the importance of getting Frank Bissi into custody and getting an interview with Mrs. Blanche Malone before Peter Malone is able to get in touch with her. Naturally, also, it becomes vitally important to apprehend Peter Malone."

"Don't you think," Griff asked, "that Peter Malone has done all that he can to do; that he has fully performed his part in the scheme of things and is now ready to vanish?"

"I think," Fisher said, "he already has vanished."

"Your plan?" asked Griff.

"I think," Fisher said, "we should call upon Mrs. Blanche Malone."

Bleeker started to say something, but Griff checked him with a pressure of thumb and forefinger on the publisher's elbow.

"Do you," asked the criminologist, "know anything about an Esther Ordway or Alice Lorton, as the case may be?"

Fisher scowled.

"No," he said. "Why?"

"Only," Griff told him, "because she is mixed into the case in some way. That is, the woman is mixed in the Morden murder case. She and a male companion by the name of Kenneth Boone were taken into custody by the police and are now being interrogated. It is possible that she has already made some statements."

Griff nodded. "That," he said, "is fair enough."

"Where," asked Bleeker, "can we get in touch with you after you have finished your interview with Mrs. Malone?"

"I would suggest," Fisher said, "that you go to Mr. Griff's office and wait there. I will telephone as soon

as I have discovered anything of importance."

"My office," Griff said, "is where I live. It's a combination of bachelor's apartment and office. I will assign to you one of my cards and I will assign to you an unlisted telephone number. Whenever you call on this telephone I will know that you are the one who is speaking."

He took a card from his case, scribbled a telephone number on the back of it, handed it to the attorney.

"Now," said Fisher, "we're commanding to get somewhere."

He jabbed his finger against the call button on the side of the elevator shaft.

The men rode down in the elevator in silence. Fisher strode toward the door.

"I'll call you," he said, and then caught the eye of the doorman.

"Taxi," he called.

(To Be Continued.)

Griff undertakes a hasty errand in the next instalment and Shillingby's secretary recognized a photograph.

CINEMA NEWS

(Continued from Page 11.)

director is Edgar Ulmer, who future work will be eagerly awaited. He knows his stagecraft thoroughly and learned it from such masters as Rheinhart and F. W. Murnau in Europe.

"Uncertain Lady."

Ladies, how certain are you of your men? Get some pointers from "Uncertain Lady," Universal's gaily sophisticated comedy which is now showing at the Queen's Theatre. This hilarious, smart and modern screwball drama is one of the high-spirited comedies of this season and has an excellent cast headed by Edward Everett Horton and Genevieve Tobin.

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Bleeker's eyes sparkled with sudden understanding.

"Good heavens!" he said, "that must be it! But can it hold up in view of the testimony of this young woman?"

"That," Fisher said, "remains to be seen. But, of course, that is the thing I am trying to do—to thwart this conspiracy. I think, gentlemen, it will better if I go to see Mrs. Malone without having you along. The interests of my client are vitally involved. I pledge you to make a complete disclosure of whatever I find out. After I have talked with her, you may talk with her, but I think you will agree it may be much more possible to get a complete statement from her if I talk with her alone than if I have an audience."

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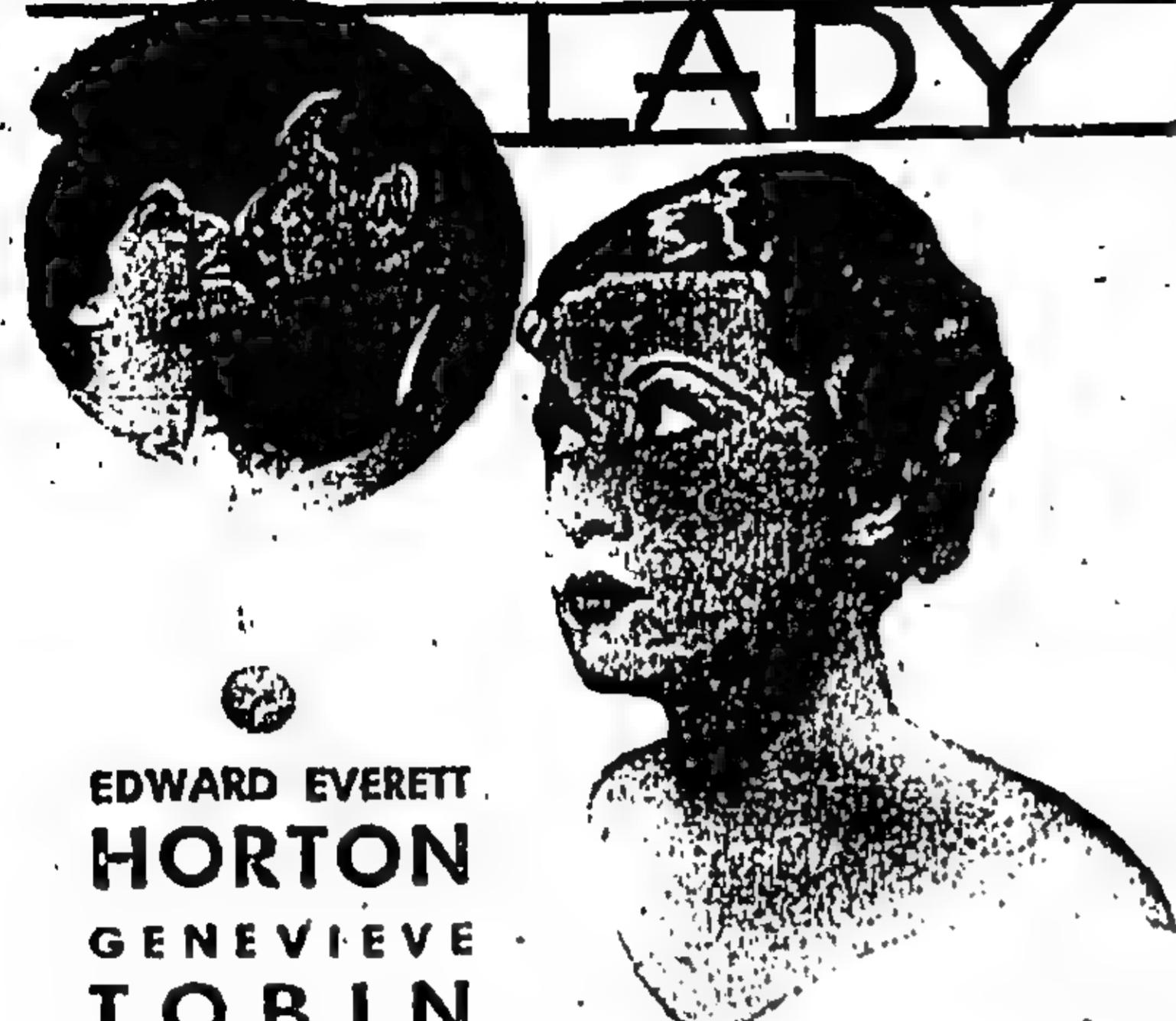


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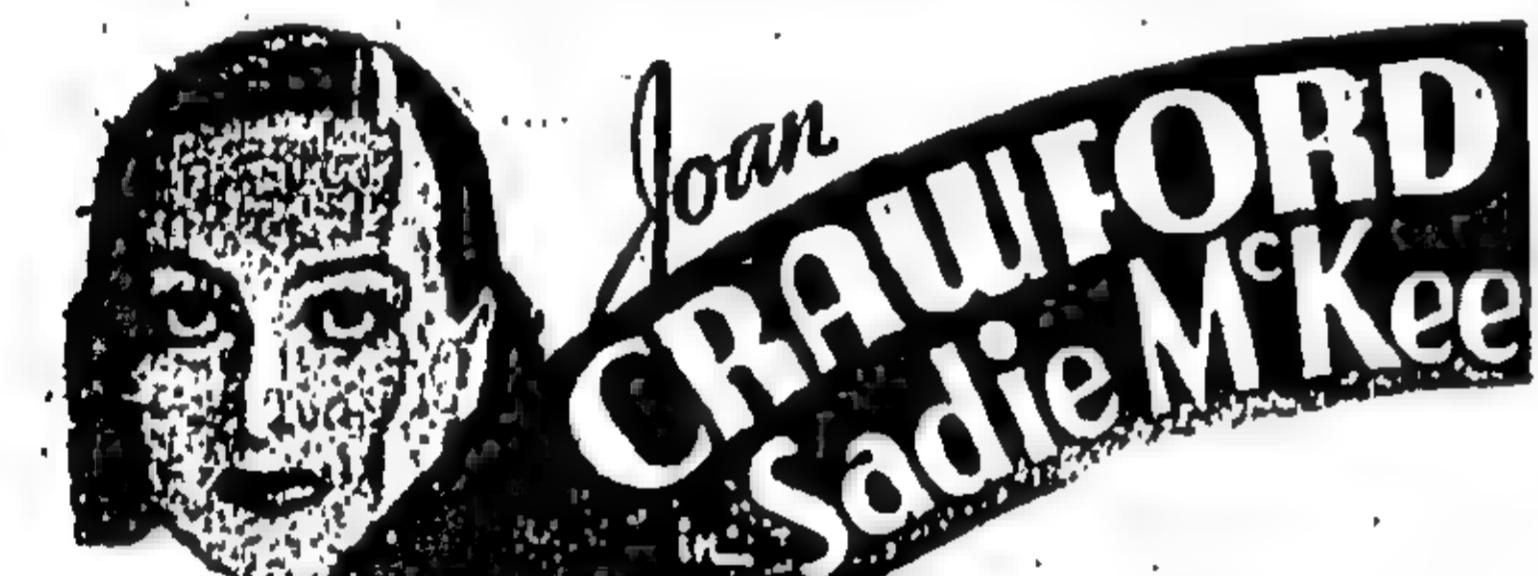
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ACTION OF GOVERNMENT DEFENDED

Its conduct of the case attacked by the defence, and being also threatened with costs, the Crown yesterday had one of its law officers, the Assistant Crown Solicitor, Mr. W. J. Lockhart-Smith, to represent it in the proceedings previously conducted by the Assistant Superintendent of Imports & Exports against the Sino-American Optical Co., dealers also in fountain pens and automatic pencils, of 238 Queen's Road Central, for infringements of trade descriptions on these goods. The case was heard before Mr. Schofield at the Central Magistracy.

For the defence, Mr. H. L. Denny submitted that the Sino-American Co. had purchased those goods in perfectly good faith, not knowing they were not American. Penhill Co. products. They were deceived by the inscriptions.

Mr. Denny had then strongly criticized the proceedings as not having been undertaken with due care, in view of the absence of a written complaint from the aggrieved party. He contended that the written complaint was an essential preliminary before action could be taken. The subsequent seizure of the goods, Mr. Denny said, had the authority only of the Superintendent of Imports & Exports and this took the form of a chit from that functionary to a subordinate.

Crown's Statement

Replying to this, yesterday, the Assistant Crown Solicitor said the requirement of a written statement by the Attorney-General or the Superintendent of Imports & Exports was a matter entirely left to these two officers and was clearly indicated by the words "may regulate in the Regulations issued in April last under the Merchandise Marks Ordinance."

The Ordinance and Regulations, Mr. Lockhart-Smith went on to say, were no more than those upon which the Board of Trade had acted at Home, Regulations with the discretionary powers left to the Attorney-General. Superintendent of Imports & Exports, were designed to stop frivolous complaints, enabling those officials to deal in an effective way with an increasingly extensive practice that was endangering the legitimate trade of the Colony, while saving private expense in a matter affecting the public interests.

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LONG-DRAWN DISPUTE WITH OWNERS

WALK-OUT ON DEC. 29

The first round in one of the biggest local shipping struggles for many years has commenced with the decision of the China Coast Officers' Guild to call a strike at midnight on December 29 in an effort to secure observance on the part of the owners of Chinese-owned river and coastal vessels of the recognised scale of wages.

There are about 40 British officers affected and they are backed up by 97 per cent. of the members of the Guild.

Twelve vessels are involved so far, namely the steamers Anjou, Chuen Chow, Chung On, Fook On, Kwong Fook Cheong, Lee Hong, On Lee, San Nam Hoi, Tai Lee, Tai Shan, Tingsang, and Yuet On.

The Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., the China Navigation Company, and the Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Company, which observe the recognised scale, are not concerned in the matter.

Instructions have been drafted, and will soon be issued, to the effect that the officers will stand by their ships at the emergency hours to protect them, and they will only leave on instructions from their owners.

All negotiations with the owners will be through the Guild, and the strike will not be called off until all the companies agree to the terms.

"The terms are simply that these companies will abide by the Hongkong Arbitration Award signed in May, 1920, which laid down a scale of wages," said Mr. W. E. Kirby, Secretary of the Guild, this morning.

CAUSE OF TROUBLE

"The present position has come about through undesirable persons—unfortunately some of them members of our own Guild—who have offered their services to some of these owners for less than they had been paying their officers.

"The companies took advantage of these offers and informed each other of the wages they could get for men, so that in a number of cases captains of ships are actually getting less than some girl stenographers. Some, with wives and families to maintain, are getting less than \$200, with perhaps \$25 food allowance.

"We have managed at last to weed out the men who were responsible for originating this state of things and we are now determined to force the companies to get back to the arbitration scale which was arrived at after the dispute of 1919."

SHAMEFULLY LOW

"Some officers are forced to accept shamefully low wages because they are threatened with the loss of their jobs if they protest, and the hardship is emphasised by the fact that they get no pensions, no home leave, and a ridiculously poor food allowance.

"These grievances have been felt for some years and, now that we have cleaned up practically all our own offending members we are not going to give way until the companies do their bit."

"Some of the companies have written to us pointing out that they were not signatories to the Award, but our reply to that is that the Award's scale of wages is the only one recognised by the Guild in respect of 'outside' river and coastal vessels."

"The companies who have written to us to that effect are the Sze (Continued on Page 5.)

AIR FLEET TO SEARCH FOR PLANE

HOPE FADES FOR DUTCH FLIERS

SEVEN MEN ON BOARD

Baghdad, Dec. 20.

The Dutch airmen aboard the plane which Parmentier and Mol piloted in the England-Australia marathon have now been missing about twenty-four hours. Small hope is entertained that they have not met with serious accident.

Twenty-four British aeroplanes are joining in the search for the missing ship.

Official quarters here have grave fears for the fate of the machine.

Last heard of over Gaza, after she had left Cairo, the Dutchmen flashed an "All Well" message at midnight.

They were attempting a 15,000 mile flight, from Amsterdam to the Dutch East Indies and return, carrying Christmas mails, and expected to complete the journey in five days.—Reuter.

DESERT SEARCH

London, Dec. 20.

British aeroplanes and armoured cars are searching the desert for the Dutch Douglas air liner carrying the Christmas mails from Holland to Batavia, of which nothing has been heard since it passed Gaza, Palestine, on its way to Baghdad last night.

A terrific thunderstorm occurred during the night in this area, and it feared the liner was forced down. Bad visibility and the state of the ground make the search difficult both for aircraft and land vehicles.

The liner carried three passengers and a crew of four, including the pilots, Messrs. Beckman and Van Stoenbergen. She is the machine which arrived second in the Melbourne race, when she became known as the "flying hotel."—British Wireless.

The annual Christmas draw in connection with the Civil Service Cricket Club will be held at the Club this evening at 6 o'clock.

Manchukuo Recognition Advisable?

LONDON PAPER'S COMMENT

DIPLOMATIC FICTION

London, Dec. 20.

The *Morning Post*, editorially summarizing the report of the Federated British Industries Mission to Manchukuo, will welcome the conclusions of the investigators regarding the co-operation of Anglo-Japanese industry.

The *Morning Post* is of the opinion that a reasonable adjustment would benefit both nations.

It adds that the general atmosphere of goodwill created was perhaps the most valuable result of the Mission's trip.

It was a pertinent subject for inquiry whether the time were not already approaching when diplomatic

ought to reconsider its attitude towards the recognition of Manchukuo. No useful purpose was served by preserving the diplomatic fiction that Manchukuo was still a part of China, the editorial says.

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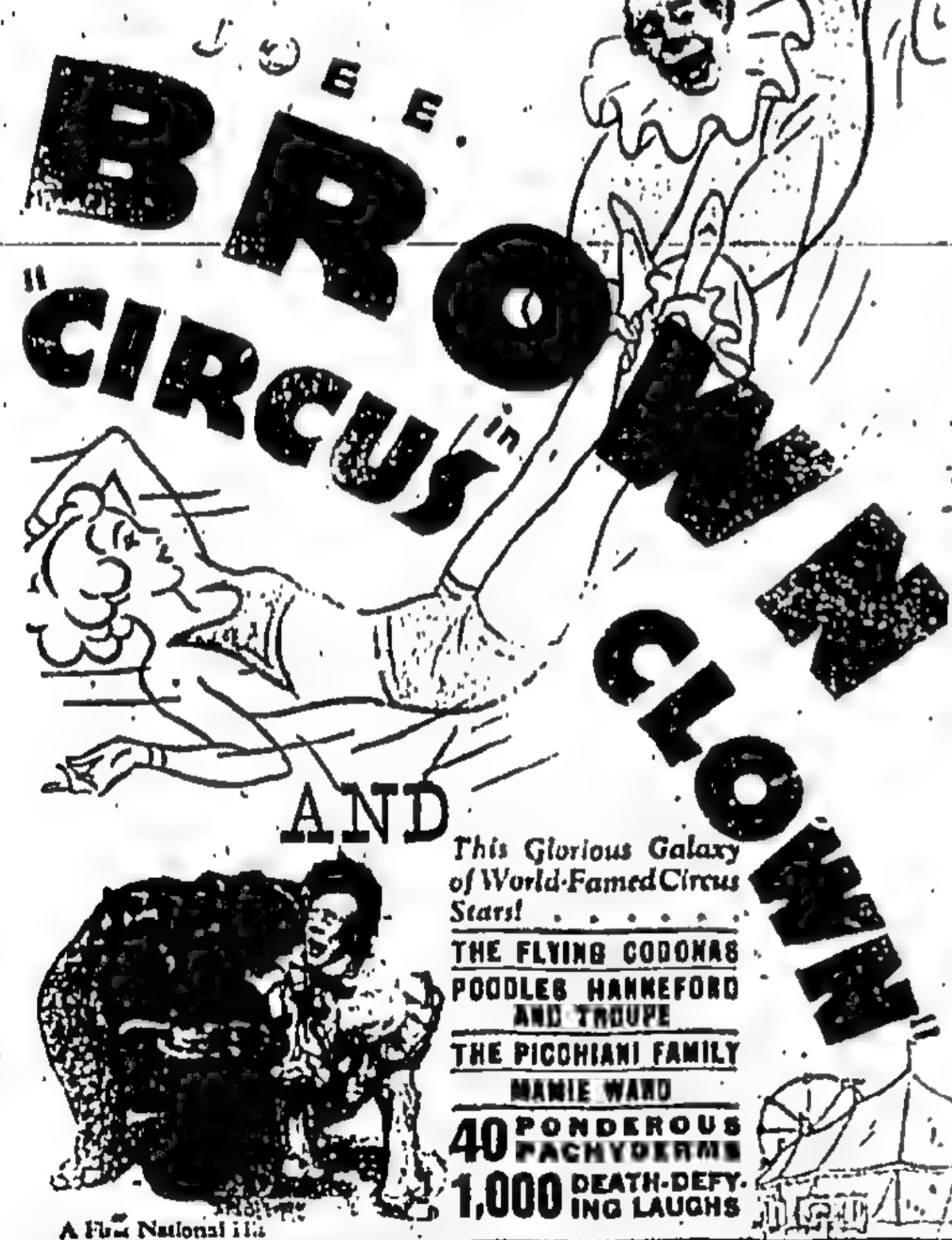
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FINANCIAL NEWS
COMMENT

BONDS POPULAR
IN BRITAIN

London Nov. 20.
The following extract is from the *Financial News* of November 14:

All Chinese loans, both secured and unsecured, are a good market, with prices on the up-grade. We summarise below some points relating to a special class known as the Chinese Salt Tax issues.

"As announced recently, the service of the China 4½ per cent. Gold Loan, 1908, has been brought up-to-date by the repayment of the drawn bonds outstanding. Formal notice has been published that these bonds can now be surrendered against payment, plus accrued interest (Gn. 10% per £100 bond and 1.4½% per £20 bond, less tax), at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, 9, Gracechurch Street, London, E. C. The China 4½ per cent. 1908 loan is the first charge upon the salt revenue. There now only remains about £1,000,000 of the issue outstanding, and in view of the current high price—the bonds are changing hands round £8—investors are turning their attention towards the other loans of similar but lower grade of security.

SECOND CHARGE

"First attention is being paid to the 5 per cent. Loan 1912, which ranks as the second charge upon the salt revenue. These bonds are in demand up to 8½. Interest is paid to date both on the drawn and undrawn bonds. The drawing of the bonds has taken place regularly, but for the last seven years the principal money has not been paid. Now that the China 1908 loan payments are up to date the programme of paying off two years' drawings per annum will no doubt be carried out. As the China 4½ per cent. 1908 issue will be redeemed by 1938 the China 5 per cent. 1912 loan will then become the first charge on the salt revenue. The loan that ranks as partial third charge, and carries the additional security of railway revenues in the Hukuang Railway 5 per cent. Loan 1911. The position of the issue is as follows:

"At present only one half-yearly coupon is being paid per annum. The money for this payment comes from the Salt Gabelle, and nothing is as yet paid from the railway portion of the Boxer Indemnity, to complete the railway which will connect Canton with Hankow, and form a most important line in the Chinese railway system, and should materially increase the railway revenues. Drawings are still taking place but the principal is not being paid. Taking into consideration that these bonds at around their current price of 40½ carry with them six years of arrears of interest, which amounts to 30 per cent, and roughly 70 per cent of the capital value of the bond, and also the fact that after 1938 they will become a partial second charge on the salt tax, they appear to be a good speculative security, with the possibilities of capital appreciation. The current yield is about 6. 10s. per cent. per annum. The drawn bonds of this issue are quoted round 40. Bonds of the German issue stand at 38, and the drawn bonds of this tranche at about 37. These issues will of course all share alike in any future payments of interest arrears."

SALESMAN SAM



PHILIPPINES'
NORMAL YEAR

HEAVY LOSSES
FROM TYPHOON

DEATHS TOTAL
NEARLY 300

Manila, P. I., Dec. 17.

The year 1934 in the Philippines was not an "unusual" weather year in the opinion of Father Miguel Selga, director of the Philippine weather-bureau, despite a dozen typhoons and several depressions which directly affected the archipelago, taking a toll of nearly 300 lives and causing millions of dollars in damages to crops and property.



Glistening sequin blouses are popular for evening wear. This model was composed entirely of gold sequins, and was worn with a skirt of black velvet.

ALL ABOUT TINNED GOODS

WHEN buying tinned goods, see that the tins are not dented, or that they do not bulge. If, when pressed back, the tin rebounds at once, it shows that fermentation has taken place in the contents of the tin, which should be thrown away, as the contents are no longer fit for eating. If the tins are rusty, it is not advisable to buy them, as rust indicates age. Always empty the contents of a tin directly it is opened. Never pour vinegar on to the meat while in the tin. Store tinned goods in a cool, dry place, and in the very hot weather put them on ice or in very cold water before opening them.

CHINA KEY
TO WORLD
FUTURE

BRITAIN RISKS
PRESTIGE

EFFECTS OF
LIQUOR

The influence of China on the world's future and the effect on the Chinese of Britain's liquor traffic with that country formed the subject of an address of the Glasgow branch of the National Commercial Temperance League at a luncheon held in the Gordon Restaurant in Glasgow. The speaker was the Rev. Dr. Arthur Taylor, Scottish Secretary of the China Inland Mission, and he was introduced by Councillor James B. Allan, president of the Glasgow branch.

Dr. Taylor said it was only a matter of time until China would develop and progress. In the cities China was moving forward quickly. She was the key to the world's future. If they studied the Far East to-day they would realize the great efforts Japan was making to get in and take what did not belong to her and to exercise a dominating influence in China. Statesmen realized that the key to the future lay in the possession of

a land which had such vast undeveloped resources as China had. Sovietism was also making its biggest efforts in China, because if it could win that country and make it Soviet it would dominate the world.

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F2017. CHRISTMAS MEMORIES. New Empire Orch.

19816. CHRISTMAS FANTASY. Pipe Organ. Mark Andrews.

19820. SILENT NIGHT. Holy Night. Victor Salon Orch.

20246. O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL. Joy to the World. Trinity Choir.

20993. CHRISTMAS BELLS, GOOD KING WENCESLAS. Deck the Hall. We Three Kings. Tubular Chimes. W. Reitz.

35767. ANGELUS. MESSIAH. Pipe Organ. Charles O'Connell.

35787. WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED. IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR. Trinity Choir.

35788. CHRISTMAS HYMNS AND CAROLS. Pt. 1 & 2. Trinity Choir.

35946. CHRISTMAS HYMNS AND CAROLS. Pt. 3 & 4. Trinity Choir.

F2639. UNTO US A SON IS BORN. O, COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL. St. Martin's Choral Society. (Recorded at St. Martin-in-the Fields, London).

F2640. IN DULCI JUBILO. WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS. St. Martin's Choral Society.

F2641. THE CHERRY TREE CAROL. THE CRIMSON SUN HAD SET. St. Martin's Choral Society.

F2642. COVENTRY CAROL. THE FIRST NOWELL. St. Martin's Choral Society.

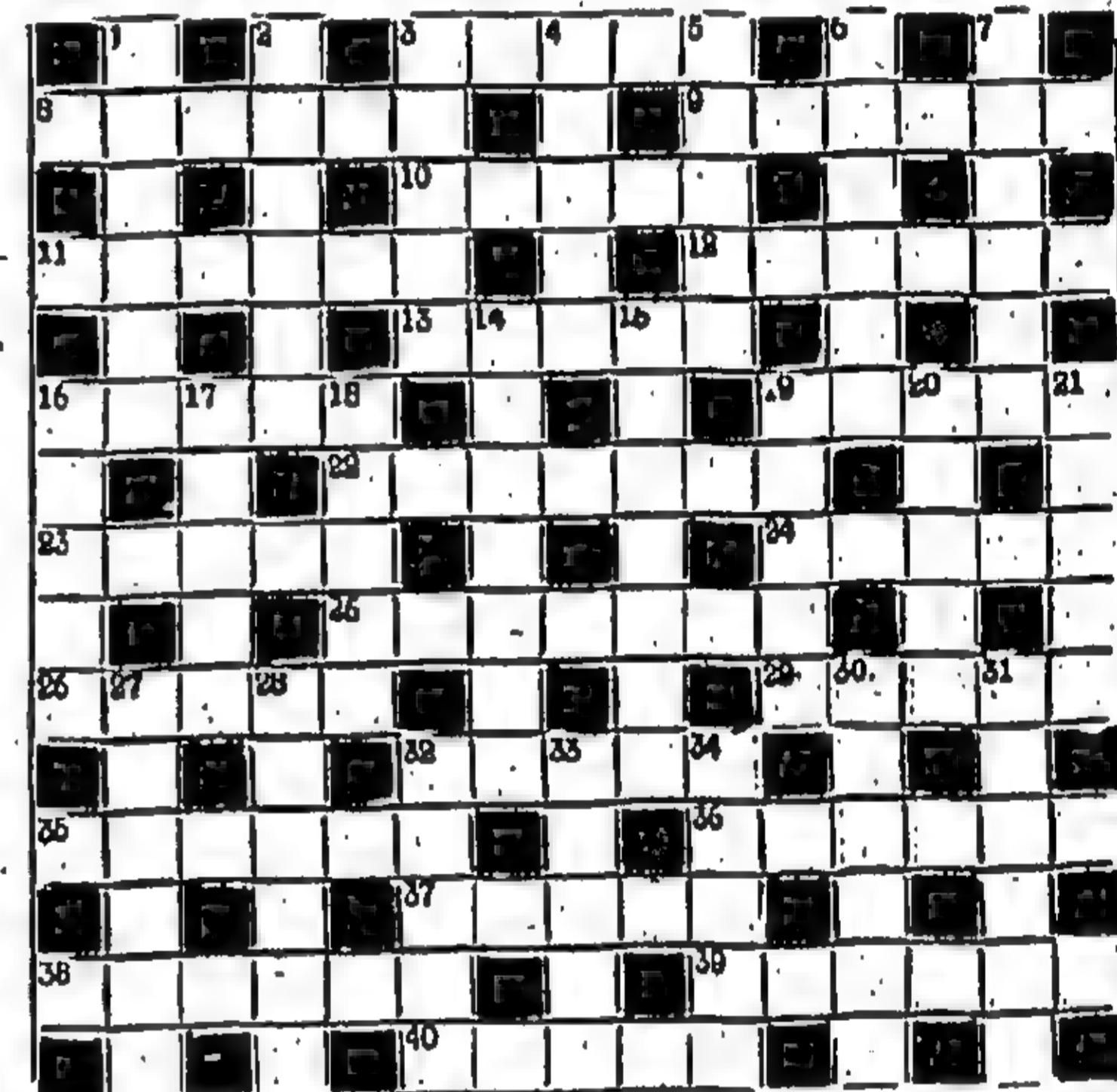
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15 African town.
16 Own without having.
17 Italian composer.
18 Hurry and scurry do.
19 Write a note so as to make up for what you've done.
20 Unsettled, as it were.
21 Not belonging to you or me.
22 About a couple to make good.
23 This is a grave affair.
24 Hang about.
25 Egyptian goddess in a "bus" (and after a collision possibly).
26 After life's fitful—he sleeps well! (Macbeth).
27 Winding-up dances?
28 I seem to connect her name with the song of the shirt.

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FINE PROSPECT FOR NEXT TURF YEAR

HIGH LIGHTS OF PAST SEASON'S SPORT

BY J. H. FREEMAN

THE end of the flat race season is an appropriate time to look ahead in the world of sport. The road in front is lighted, in many places vividly, by the events of the past few months; there are a few black patches, but the rays of common sense and good sportsmanship can banish the deepest gloom.

No racing season in the post-war period has contained more solid elements of confidence in the present and of faith in the future. The factors which a few seasons ago decided some of the best of our racing owners to reduce their commitments have disappeared.

No phase of our sporting activities is more sensitive than the Turf to general economic depression or an increased national capacity to earn more and the consequent ability to spend more.

From practically every racecourse in the country—particularly from the more enlightened ones where public amenities have been improved by a far-sighted executive—comes the same tale of cheerfulness and hope.

The men who ten years ago put thousands of pounds into the thoroughbred industry are beginning to reap the reward of their

and Doncaster sales should be appraised at approximately twice the value of twelve months before. The ranks of owners in the year ahead will include a number of men and women recruits who, in these days of cheaper money, will find an outlet for their speculative inclinations in the possession of thoroughbred stock.

What appeal is there in "spare" money earning 2 per cent. compared with the thrills and delights of ownership of a horse that may win one of the Turf's great prizes?

Gallant old Brown Jack has gone a-hunting. Steve Donoghue, his inseparable companion on the racecourse, is fifty years young. Gordon Richards, for the second time in his career, has ridden more than 200 winners. The totalisator has stood up to its most formidable assault and justified its claim to receive off-course money through agents.

Can one view these things, even from afar, without feeling some of the romance of the past and sharing in the ever-increasing optimism of the future?

ONE REGRET

But there is one matter of indirect yet intimate concern with racing that is causing many thoughtful people real regret and a deep-rooted anxiety. It is that opportunity was not taken by Parliament when discussing the Betting and Lotteries Bill to clear up the muddle of our effete and unfair betting laws.

Instead of a firm and all-embracing measure that would have brought the whole subject in line with modern conditions and modern thought we have seen added to the Statute Book an Act that has already caused nation-wide confusion and that will lead to endless legal battles. It has placed within the scope of parliamentary sanction a form of betting that is dangerous socially, morally, and financially.

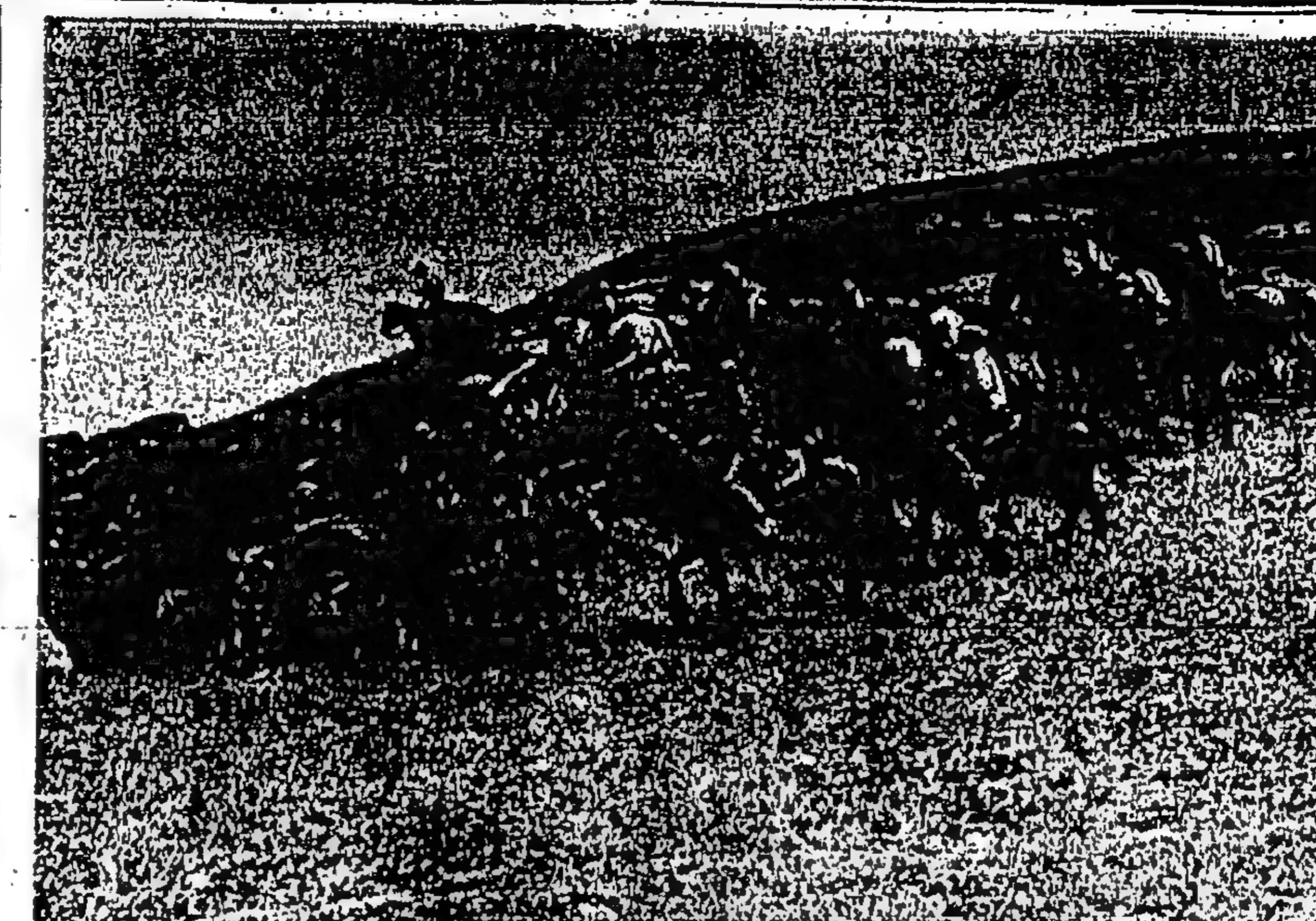
The position of football pool betting has nowhere caused more concern than in the higher legislative bodies connected with the winter game.

HASTY MEASURE

I have written on a number of occasions of the urgent need for fairness to both the man in the Sheffield factory and the man in the Pall Mall club when discussing betting reform. In the present hasty measure, which has given football pool betting a legal status, I believe Parliament has sown the seeds of incalculable mischief. I have been given evidence that in less than one week the number of firms dealing in this form of gambling—for gambling it is—has multiplied a hundredfold.

Pool betting allied to racing or football or any sport should be permitted only when the public is assured of the strongest possible safeguards. It is incomprehensible to me that a Parliament which imposed the most stringent guarantees, including a definite limitation of the percentage deduction from stake money, when setting up the Racecourse Betting Control Board, should permit the unrestricted touting of the football public by private syndicates without any safeguards whatever.

In its half-hearted attempt to avoid "class legislation," Parliament has given greater opportunity



BROKE LAW TO SAVE WIFE

BURNED BODY OF DEAD BABY

Arthur Mason (44), a railway employee, of Great Ancoats Street, Manchester, was found not guilty at Manchester Assizes of murdering an infant of three months, appeared in the same Court recently before Mr. Justice Atkinson.

He was charged with being an accessory after the fact, and with having obstructed the Coroner in the execution of his duty by burning the body of the infant.

He pleaded guilty to both charges, and was sentenced to 16 days' imprisonment, the sentence to date from the beginning of the Assize. That meant his immediate release.

The Judge said he had taken the same view as the jury, who had accepted his story as the truth.

Mason had been placed in a terrible predicament. He had had to choose between giving up his wife for what might be murder, and with doing what he could to protect her from the trouble. He had broken the law. The Judge thought most men would have done the same.

It was stated that the railway company with whom Mason had been for the last 20 years would take him back at once to enable him to make a new start.

The wife, Elizabeth Mason, died in Strangeways Jail while awaiting trial. It was stated that she was very ill when she came home after the birth of the child.

ties than ever for the exploitation of that section of society least able, economically, to defend its own interests.

But to end on a more pleasant note. Circumstances never likely to be repeated conspired to impose on English cricket in the past summer one of its most emphatic defeats. But the immediate future is made infinitely more hopeful by the decision reached this week by the Advisory Committee of the M.C.C.

I regard the experimental change in the I.B.W. law as an epoch-making step in the re-education of our cricketers. If with its permanent adoption we could get a return to the natural wicket, we should have nothing to fear from any country prepared to play cricket as a game and not as a test of physical endurance.

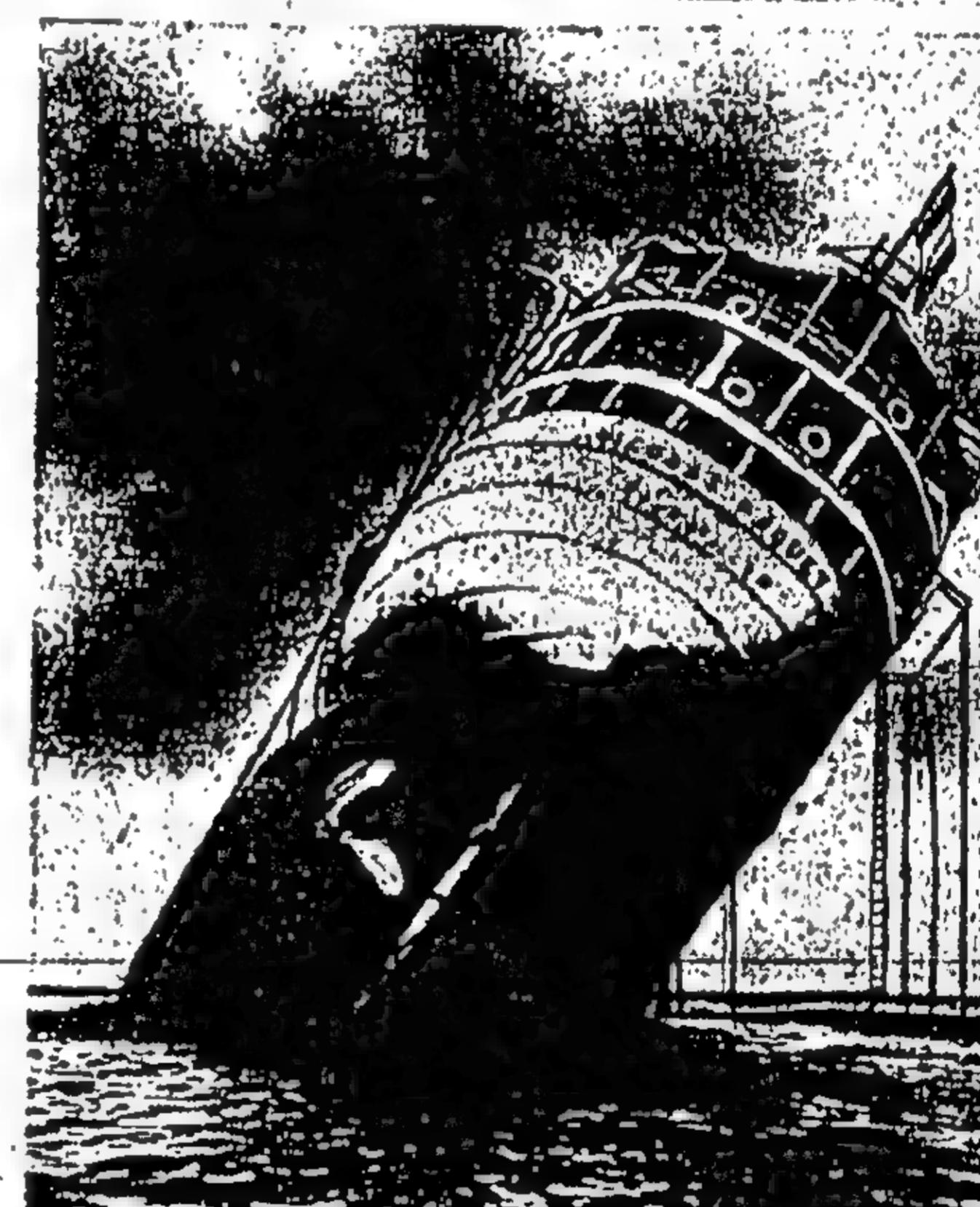
UNUSUAL DUAL PERSONALITY

STRANGE EVIDENCE AT COURT MARTIAL

Medical evidence suggesting that a soldier had a dual personality, and that he spent a week at Brighton without his other self realising it, was given at an Aldershot court martial, when Company Quarter

that if he could get to London, where his battalion was then stationed, he could refund the money.

Major H. B. F. Dixon, R.A.M.C., of Queen Alexandra's Hospital, Millbank, London, who was called by the defence, said that Taylor had been under observation for three months at the hospital. He had been examined by an eminent neurologist and a brain specialist, and they had formed the opinion that Taylor had suffered from epileptic automatism, and probably had a tumorous brain. Major



The French ship Nicolas Paquet wrecked off the North African coast last year, has been abandoned.

maister-Sergeant James Taylor (32), of the 2nd Battalion Cameron Highlanders, pleaded not guilty to charges of fraudulent conversion of £32 belonging to the sergeants' mess funds, and absence without leave for six days.

The prosecution alleged that Taylor gave himself up at Eastbourne as an absconder, and said that he had been on the drink, and that a wallet containing £20 was stolen from his hip-pocket in a Brighton dance hall. He added

Dixon added that in cases of epilepsy, a patient frequently passed into a state of automatism or dual personality, in which he might do ridiculous or criminal things without his other self realising he was doing wrong.

It was also stated that Taylor received a head injury in a motor accident seven years ago, and had since had occasional attacks of petit mal.

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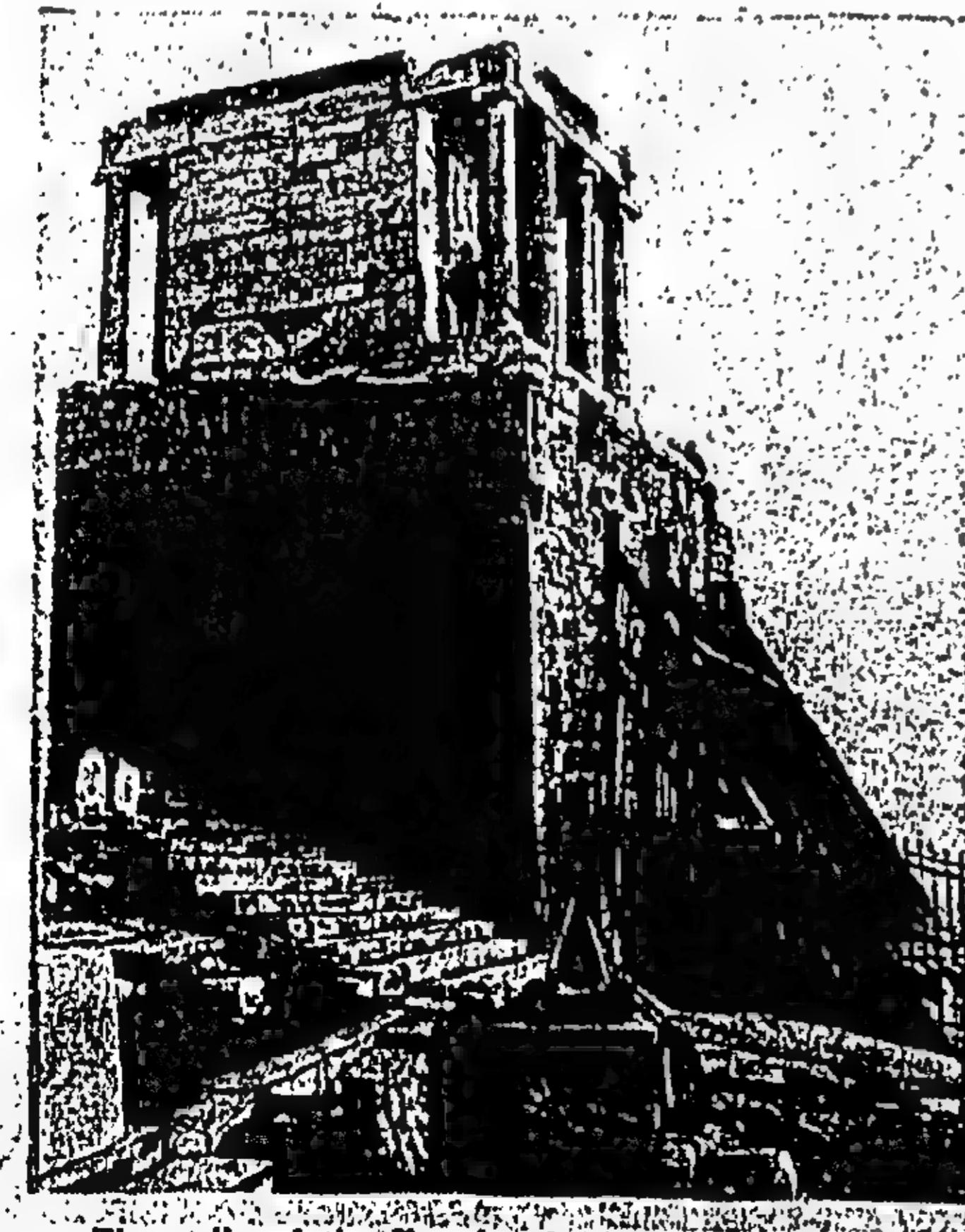
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On being brought before Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones at the Central Magistracy this morning, Ho Wan, aged 20, a metal-worker, was charged with stealing three brass lamp stands, a silver chain with appendage and three pieces of clothing, between December 9 and 19. Defendant pleaded guilty and was bound over.

Ho Lok, the defendant's uncle, of 334 Canton Road, Kowloon, appeared as complainant.

It was stated that the defendant was arrested in Lascar Row. He had in his possession the three lamp stands, which he was trying to sell. The defendant told the police that his uncle had given them to him to sell. When defendant was taken to the Police Station the silver chain was found in his possession, and a pawn ticket for the clothing.

Defendant stated that his grandmother was sick in Canton, and he wanted to go and see her. Complainant was away at the time, and he had no money, so he took the articles to raise the fare.

The Magistrate bound the defendant over in the sum of \$75 for a period of 12 months, to come up for judgment when called upon.

CAR FALLS INTO NULLAH

SOLICITOR'S LUCKY ESCAPE

Mr. W. M. Brown, solicitor of Messrs. Hastings and Co., Gloucester Building, was involved in a motor car crash in the Hung Hom district in the early hours of this morning. The car became lodged in a nullah, but Mr. Brown, who was travelling alone, was fortunately unhurt.

In a report to the traffic police, Mr. Brown stated that at 1.20 a.m. he was driving his car No. 390 along Cooke Street, towards Kowloon Docks, when he accidentally knocked against the railings of the nullah, causing damage to them. The car fell into the nullah and was smashed.

Three men, Ng Fun, Mak Hong and Mak Yee, and Li Min, a woman with a baby in arms, appeared before Mr. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning charged in connection with unlawful receiving of 27 pairs of shoes and 12 odd shoes the property of the Bata Shoe Company. The complainant was Mr. K. Weiss, manager of the firm. Defendants were remanded to-morrow.

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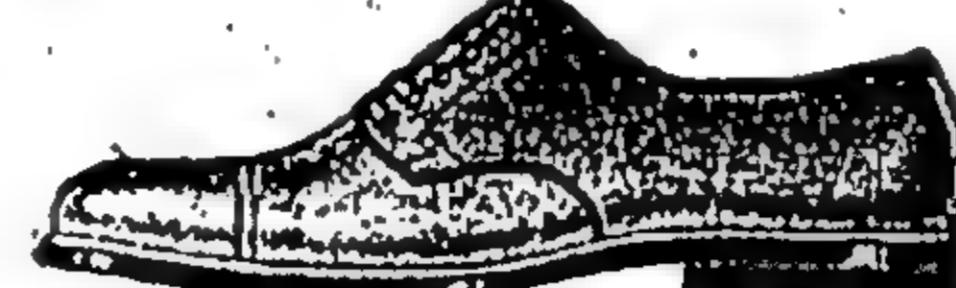
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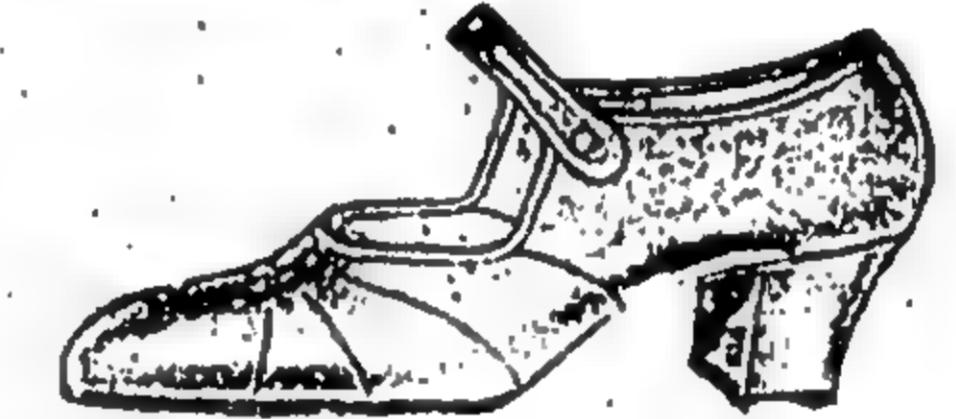
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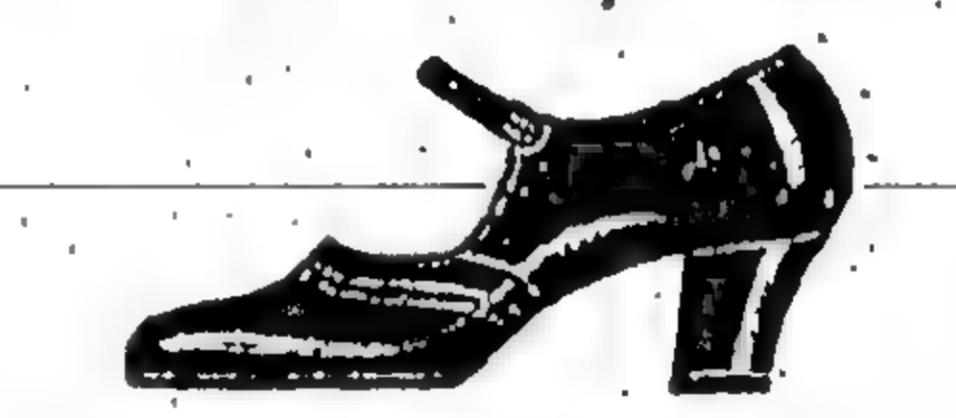
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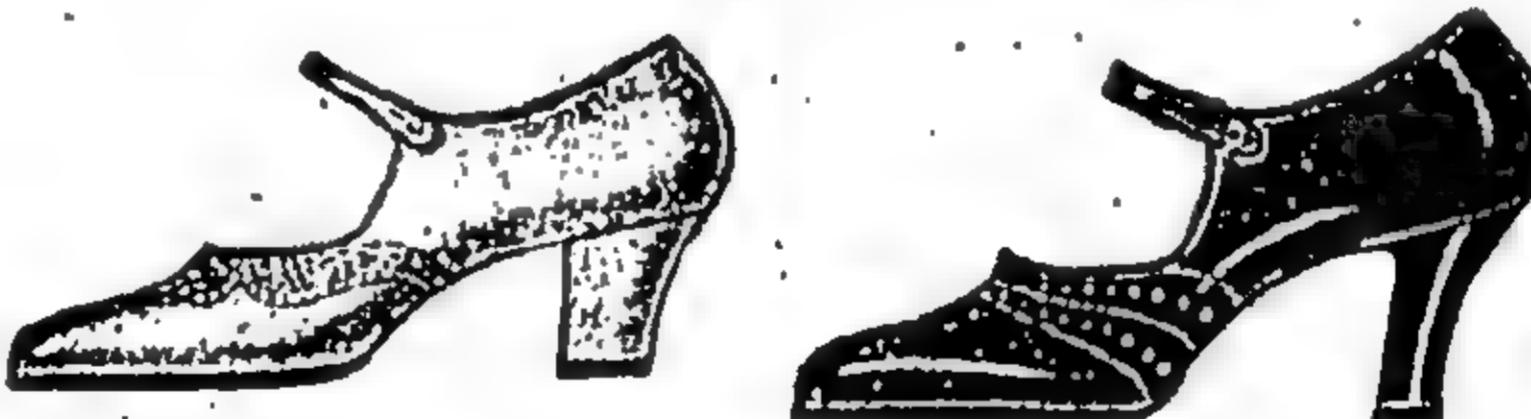
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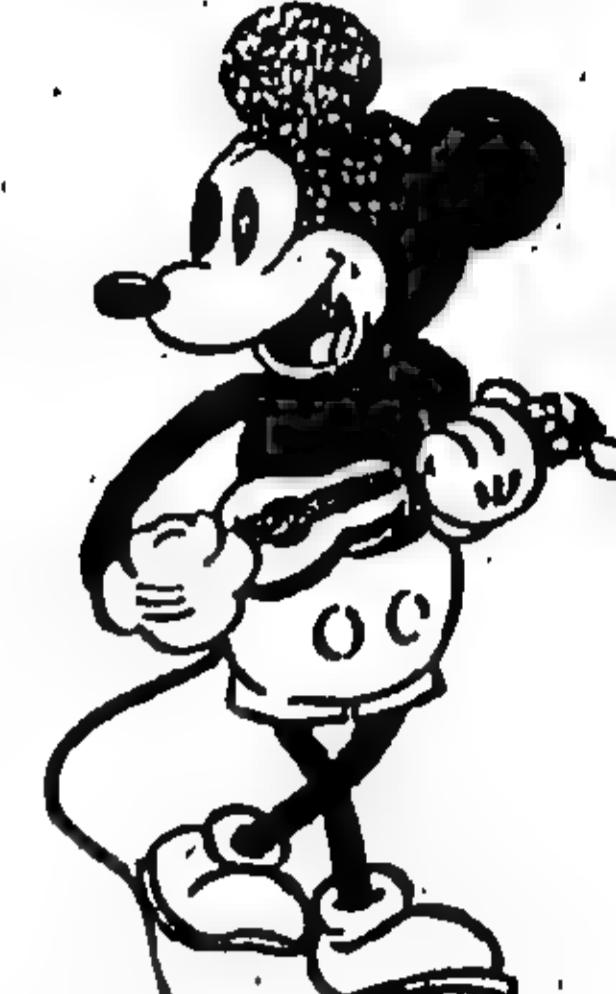
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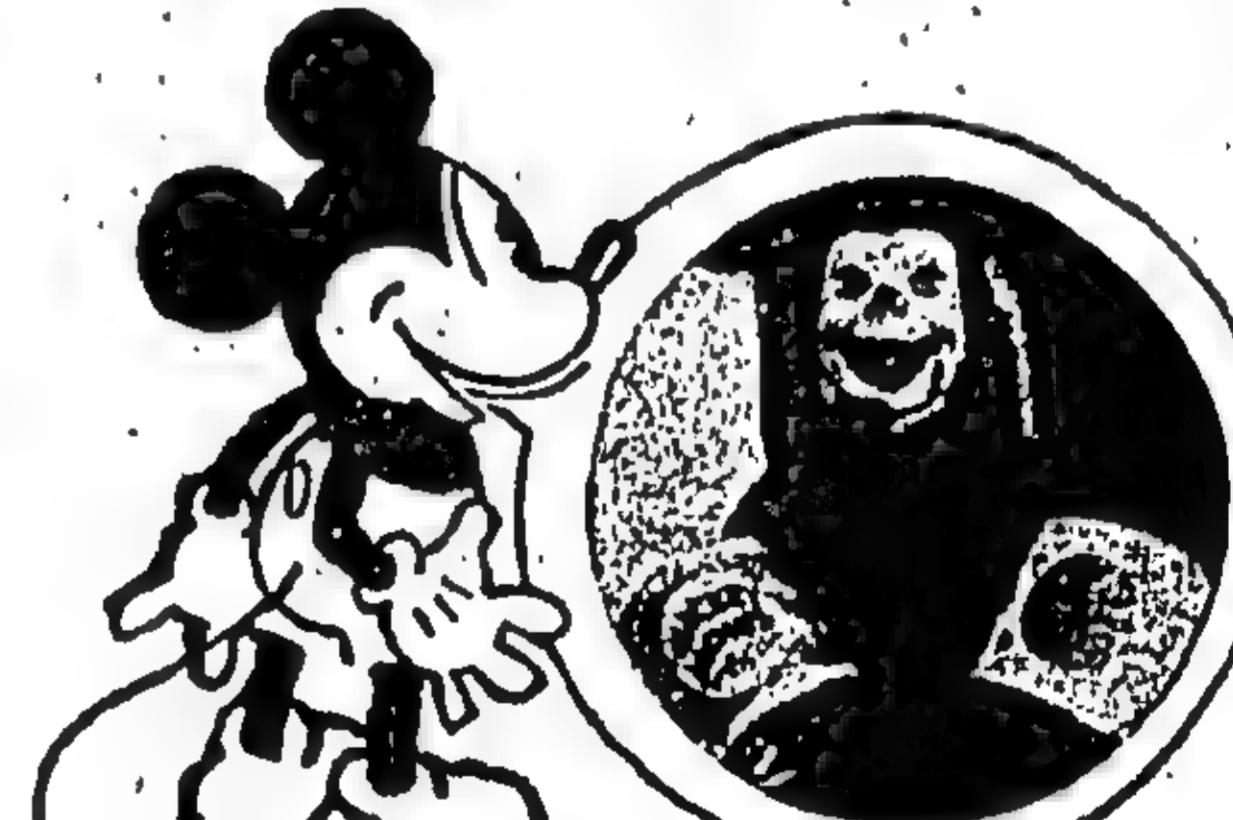
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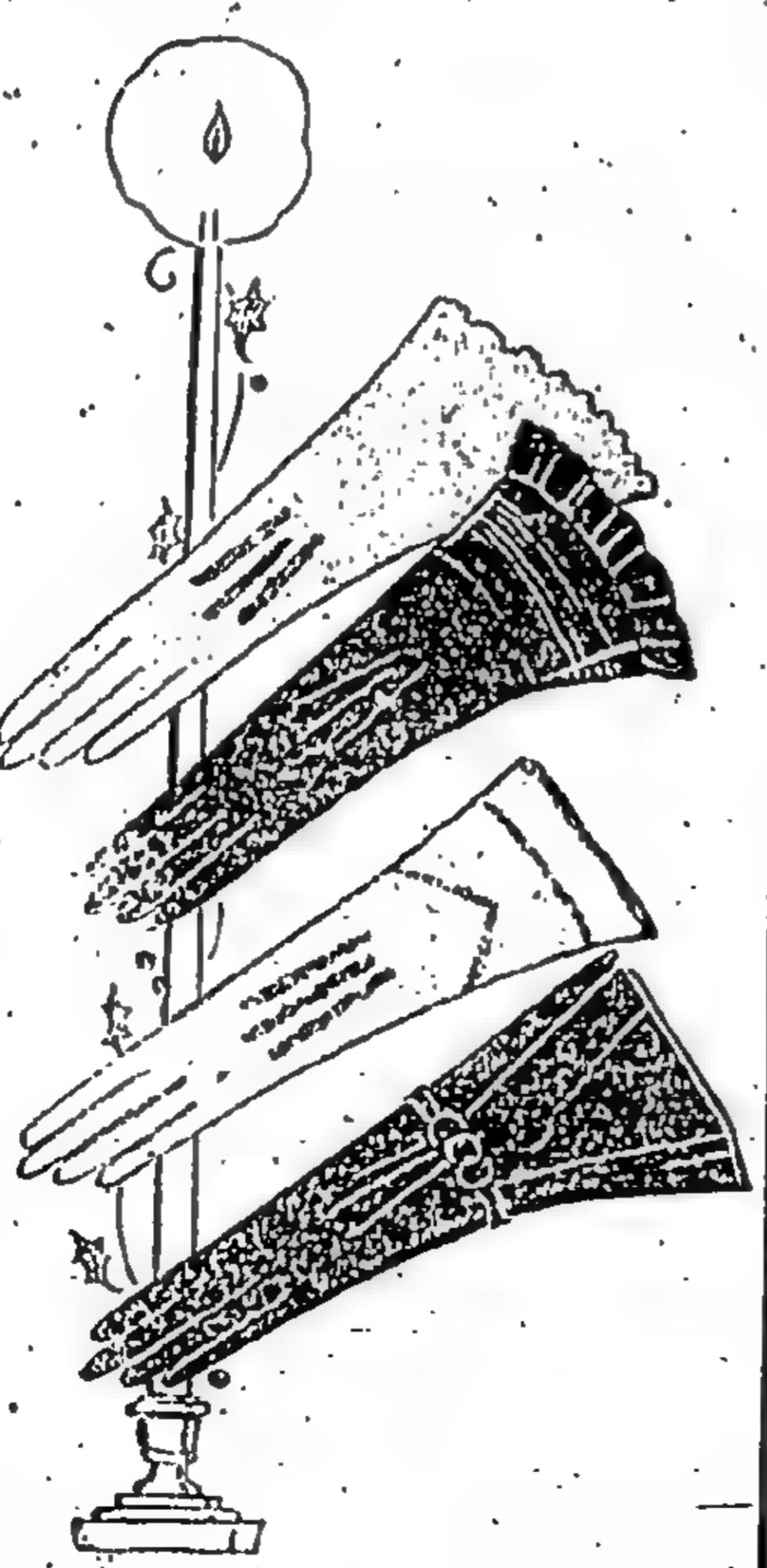
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Appearing on remand before Mr. Hamilton at the Kowloon Police Court this morning, Leung Cheung, unemployed, was sentenced to six months' hard labour with two years' police surveillance at the expiration of his prison term, for stealing \$181 from Pang Cho, an apprentice stoker

aboard the steam launch Gannet. On being sentenced, accused asked his Worship if he could be granted a hawkers' licence when he is discharged from prison, and his Worship replied that the matter would be seen to by the police. "I will do what I can for you," remarked Mr. Hamilton.

Notice is given that an extraordinary general meeting of the Muslims of the Sunni Section (other than those of the Islamic Union) to elect a new Trustee, has been called for Sunday, Dec. 23, at 11 a.m. at the Mosque, Shelley Street. All subscribers are requested to attend.

Trade Mission
For China

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(Special to "Telegraph")

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New York, Dec. 20. The National Foreign Trade Council, co-operating with the American-Chinese Trade Council in Shanghai, has announced that it is organising an American traders and a corps of secretaries who will compile data for an exhaustive report.

The object of the mission is to increase Sino-American trade which, many economists believe, is inevitably to become one of the greatest features of world commerce.

The mission will remain in China for three months. Mr. E. P. Thomas, President of the Foreign Trade Council, states. He is at present arranging the preliminaries for the trip.

The names of the members of the mission will be announced later.—United Press.

RUSSIAN REBELS
EXPOSED

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Many of them have been executed during the last few days.—United Press.

YOUNG REFORMER

Zinovjeff has for very many years been associated with extreme views. At the age of 18, he joined an illegal Socialist group in Russia and conducted propaganda amongst the workers. When threatened with arrest, he escaped abroad and studied at Berne University.

Later, he became a close follower of Lenin, and after the outbreak of the Great War he and Lenin were arrested by the Austro-Hungarian authorities, but they were later released and went to Switzerland.

Following the overthrow of Taarud, both returned to Russia and became the chief instigators of the Bolshevik Revolution. When the Third International was founded in 1919, Zinovjeff was elected its President.

UPSET LABOUR

Zinovjeff became notorious in 1924, when the British Foreign Office, just before the General Election, published the so-called "Zinovjeff letter" addressed to English Communists in which directions were given for the Bolshevizing of the British Army. The letter appeared in the press before the Labour Premier, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, had seen it, and the effect on Labour's prospects at the poll was disastrous.

The Russian Government denied the authenticity of the letter, but the British Conservative Party, after an enquiry, pronounced it authentic. During the Schreck espionage trial in Berlin in 1928, the pacifist, Mertens, asserted that the letter had been concocted by Schreck and the former Polish Press Attaché, Paciorek.

FAST FLIGHT
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London, Dec. 20. The De Havilland Comet plane in which Kenneth Waller, the Melbourne air race competitor, with the Belgian Captain Franchomme, left Brussels to-day on a flight to Leopoldville, in the Congo, to demonstrate the possibility of a fast air mail service along this route, landed at Oran this afternoon, having completed the 1,060 miles stage in 4 hours, 56 minutes, at a speed of 210 miles an hour. In view of the weather conditions it was expected that the flight would take at least seven hours.

The airmen will to-morrow proceed to Nuamey, in French West Africa, 1,500 miles distant.

The Comet is the type of machine in which Scott and Black won the Melbourne race.—British Wireless.

LORD RIDDELL'S
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London, Dec. 20. The estate of the late Lord RiddeLL has been provisionally valued for probate at £2,000,000.—Reuter Special.

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London, Dec. 20. The Advisory Committee of the Board of Trade for the administration of the Government grant of £2,000,000 a year to British tramp shipping, will consist of Sir Vernon Thomson, Chairman, six representatives of tramp shipping, two representatives of cargo liners and one independent representative of the public interest.

This announcement was made by Mr. Walter Runciman, President of the Board of Trade, in the House of Commons to-day, during the consideration in Committee stage of the Shipping Assistance Bill.

A Labour amendment, providing that the Committee should consist of members uninterested in shipping, was defeated by 120 to 43.—Reuter.

CHINA COAST SHIPS'
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(Continued from Page 1.)

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METHODS EXPOSED

Mr. Kirby further states that since the Guild wrote to the companies this month, the officers of two ships concerned have been approached by their respective owners offering them small increase, but still below arbitration scale, asking them to sign on the ships' articles that they are in receipt of the arbitration wage.

Masters and Chief Engineers of some ships have, Mr. Kirby further stated, been paid as low a wage as \$170 per month.

A point stressed by Mr. Kirby is that one or two of the bigger Chinese companies have been playing the game all through by paying the arbitration wage scale. There were no complaints against these companies; but the Guild was determined to bring the other Chinese companies to book.

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Chief Engineer, \$310; Chief Officer and Second Engineer, \$280.

1,001 to 1,500 tons.—Master, \$405;

Chief Engineer, \$395; Chief Officer and Second Engineer, \$310.

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- 1 Qt. Gilbey's Triple Crown Port
- 1 Qt. Gilbey's Bonita Sherry
- 1 1/2 Lt. Cointreau Liqueur de Fraise
- 1 Pt. D.O.M. Liquor
- 1 1/2 Lt. Get Frere Peppermint
- 1 Pt. Lupe Cholet Red Burgundy or Beaune Chablis.

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- 1 Qt. Duc de Sautant Sparkling Wine
- 1 Qt. Biscuit Dubouche 5 Stars Brandy
- 1 Qt. Gilbey's Spey Royal Whisky
- 1 Qt. Gilbey's Dry Gin
- 1 Lt. Pantheon Port
- 1 Lt. Bonita Sherry
- 1 1/2 Lt. Cointreau Liqueur de Fraise or Framboise
- 1 1/2 Lt. Cointreau Liqueur Majestic
- 1 1/2 Lt. Curacao Gala
- 1 1/2 Lt. Cassis D'Anjou.

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- 1 Qt. Gilbey's Spey Royal Whisky
- 1 Qt. Gilbey's Dry or Old Tom Gin
- 1 Lt. Audinet & Buhlan Red Wine (Medoc)
- 1 Lt. Audinet & Buhlan White Wine (Grave)
- 1 Lt. Cointreau Liqueur de Fraise
- 1 Pt. St. Raphael Tonic Wine
- 1 Pt. D.O.M. Liquor
- 1 Pt. Gilbey's Invalid Port
- 1 Qt. Gilbey's Spanish Sherry
- 1 Qt. B.D. Three Stars Brandy
- 1 Pt. Lupe Cholet Red or White Burgundy (Chablis or Beaune).

No. 4 Hamper—\$40

- 2 Qt. Gilbey's Spey Royal Whisky
- 1 Qt. 3 Stars Biscuit Dubouche Brandy
- 1 Qt. Gilbey's Dry or Old Tom Gin
- 1 Lt. Castle Port
- 1 Qt. Spanish Sherry
- 2 Qt. Audinet & Buhlan Clos D'Or White Wine
- 2 Qt. Audinet & Buhlan St. Julian Red Wine
- 1 1/2 Lt. Cointreau Liqueur Majestic
- 1 1/2 Lt. Curacao Gala
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NOTES OF THE DAY

SOMEBODY KNOWS

Not long ago we made enquiries as to what might be the future of Hongkong as an airport. We got no very satisfactory answer. From official sources we could get no information whatever, and the only response from private quarters was that it was hoped that various enterprises would include Hongkong in their air itineraries.

Whether permission to any but British owned and operated machines to trade in and through the Colony would be forthcoming, no-one knew for certain. Meanwhile, all about the Colony, in the Philippines, in China, and farther afield, preparations were going forward to meet the demands of the future, to prepare for the advent of commercial air services, but no-one apparently knew what Hongkong proposed to do in this direction. Now, according to Chinese news sources, Sir Alexander Cadogan, the British Minister, has announced that when the Canton-Hankow Railway is completed it is probable that Imperial Airways will connect with Hongkong. We have no assurance that this announcement is official, and just why Imperial Airways should wait upon the completion of the Canton-Hankow railway is not exactly clear. For whether or not this railway operates, Hongkong must eventually be joined in the world's air system, and the sooner plans are made for this development the better for this Colony.

MAKING HISTORY

An M.P. suggests that we are not making sufficient use of the possibilities of the cinema and wireless as means of preserving a permanent record, in sound and in scene, of events of historic importance. He instances the recent ceremony in the House of Lords, where the Duke of Kent took his seat, and the Royal opening of Parliament and the wedding of His Royal Highness and Princess Marina as events which should be fully recorded, not only for the benefit of posterity, but also for the edification of those British people; at home and beyond the seas, who are thrilled by ceremonial that embodies so much of the traditions of our race. The B.B.C. and the news-film companies certainly do something in this direction, but the argument of the M.P. is that there is room for the systematic recording of episodes of patriotic or historic significance. The theory is that it is "vulgar" to yield to publicity is perishing fast. Even our most revered institutions are letting in the limelight and finding themselves none the worse for it. The members of the Royal Family, too, are always ready to respond to the natural desire of their subjects to see and hear their various activities in the service of the nation. The value of the permanent records in the years to come is obvious. With what avidity would the present generation listen to a sound-film, were such available, of landmark happenings of the Elizabethan, Cromwellian, or even the Victorian era! A few hundred years hence twentieth century sound-films of memorable occasions would not be less enthralling. However furiously man dashes along the highway of progress, he is never altogether oblivious to the magical appeal of the past.

AIRSHIPS PERSIST

It is interesting to notice that while many Americans have taken it for granted that the large dirigible will never have any practical use, the Germans are going calmly ahead with plans to put these big ships to work. Next March the Zeppelin workers at Friedrichshafen will complete a new dirigible even larger than the Graf of trans-Atlantic and world cruise fame—a giant that will contain 25 state-rooms for passengers, and elaborate equipment to ensure everyone's comfort. The Germans have by no means given up their confidence in the dirigible. On the contrary, they are planning for a day when airship lines will be as common as aeroplane lines. Is there not, perhaps, in that fact, an indication that we are a trifle hasty in assuming that the dirigible is and always must be impractical?

expenditure and still not have attained her desire. A point which needs stressing is that Anglo-American policy is primarily based on a recognition of the varying needs of the three Powers, and that neither the one country nor the other seeks to follow a course which would in any wise endanger Japanese security. When that aspect of the situation is fully appreciated, it should be possible to work out a plan to the mutual benefit of all the Powers concerned.

HUNDRED YEARS OF ROYAL WEDDINGS

By MRS. FRANCIS LASCELLES

ROYAL marriages have always fascinated the people of these islands, who see in royal love matches the culmination of many ideals.

Undoubtedly the most momentous British royal wedding for centuries was that of Queen Victoria to Prince Albert, which took place on February 10, 1840. The fact that the bride was the reigning Sovereign of the most powerful Empire in the world lent tremendous importance to the event, and guests from all over the world poured into London.

Queen Victoria was barely 21 when she was married, and at the time she was a very attractive girl, inclined to plumpness, with fair skin, rosy cheeks, and blue eyes. In the preparations for her wedding Queen Victoria took the most minute interest.

The ceremony took place at the Chapel Royal, St. James's, and, small though the building was, the wedding lacked nothing in splendour and dignity. The young Queen, with the blue ribbon of the Garter across her white dress, made a regal bride. Her tall husband looked handsome and distinguished.

The bridal procession, with its eight bridesmaids, was a glittering sight, and one of the attendants, it is interesting to recall, was the mother of the present Queen Mary. The future Duchess of Teck was only seven years of age at the time, but she had a vivid remembrance of the great day to the end of her life.

The bridal pair were vociferously cheered by thousands of people all along the route, and the Queen and her bridegroom were all smiles as they drove back as man and wife. The honeymoon was spent at Windsor Castle and lasted only three days.

The next royal wedding which captured the imagination of the country—and, indeed, of all Europe—was the marriage of the Prince of Wales, afterwards King Edward VII., to Princess Alexandra of Denmark.

No more beautiful bride than the radiant "seen king's daughter" ever stopped before on British soil, and on landing at Gravesend she became at once the idol of the nation.

The marriage took place at St. George's Chapel, Windsor, on March 10, 1863, and the scene in the historic and beautiful chapel was a never-to-be-forgotten one. The bridal gown of dazzling white worn by Queen Alexandra was considered at the time to be the most artistic creation of its kind ever seen in Europe, and the eight bridesmaids were a collection of beauties unmatched at any royal wedding before or since. The celebrated Jenny Lind sang the chorale at the ceremony.

London, Windsor, and the country generally celebrated the wedding of the popular heir to the Throne with unbound enthusiasm. All the London theatres were thrown open free to the public, bonfires were lit on nearly every hill in the country, official banquets and feasts to the poor were notable features of the celebrations.

The future King Edward and his lovely bride spent their honeymoon in the Isle of Wight, and to the end of their long lives their brilliant

Great War effectively put a stop to royal marriages—and even rumours of them—but the marriage in 1919 of the beloved Princess "Pat," daughter of the Duke of Connaught, revived in full measure the love of the British public for such ceremonies. Princess "Pat's" choice was Rear-Admiral Sir A. M. Ramsay. This union compelled the Princess to relinquish her royal rank.

That this was the first royal wedding to take place in Westminster Abbey for over 600 years made this marriage outstanding.

The most important social event of 1922 was the marriage of the (Continued on Page 11.)



"Well, that's a lot to pay for a bottle of wine, but I'm pretty certain Adams can throw a few orders my way."

The Very Idea!

MERRY CHRISTMAS

By Eddie "Santa" Kelly
THE grim form of Father Christmas is stalking the land.

Table-knives are being inserted surreptitiously into innocent children's money-boxes by furtive fathers.

Mothers are pondering whether to give the old man a packet of cigarettes for Christmas or a box of matches.

Thieves are abroad. Do something, Chase 'em! Stop 'em! What's the S.P.C.A. doing about it?

A wire-whiskered old goat gallivanting around the Colony in a red-flannel nightgown is causing all this bother.

Why can't the police get their Claus on him?

If he's not arrested before Tuesday, we're wrecked.

All the Christmas presents we've got to buy, and our last cents filched from us on Monday and flung into the Christmas pudding.

Fortunately we know where it is. We marked the place on the outside with an almond.

There's been only one bright spot in the preliminary proceedings. The missus said to us, "What about drinks? I suppose you'd better see to that. How much will it cost?"

We said, "Well, there'll be Whaletooth and his headache, and gran-daddy and the boys in the office, that'll be about a hundred bucks. Then there's me... say about six or seven hundred."

So she said, "All right. Go and take seven hundred dollars out of my purse—but no more." (You lie, you dog. You know you lie.)

Anyway, we managed to borrow fifty bucks by biting all our pals, and after we have finished this job will wander out to do our Christmas shopping. When the local firms heard that we were going to pay cash for our purchases they mobbed us.

Biting our pals was easy. You know:

"Say, George, old man, if you could lend me ten bucks yuletide me over Christmas."

Rotten pun, but that's what the festive season does to a man.

We haven't decided yet what to buy the missus and the girl friends, but the kids were easy.

They made a list to be posted to Father Christmas. Young Alfie wanted an aeroplane (Comet), an electric toy train complete with signals, waiting room and ticket office, costing approximately \$250, a rifle and three million rounds of ammunition, and the model of the Empress of Britain in the Canadian Pacific window. So we bought him a whistle. Not very useful or instructive, we know, but it'll be handy to annoy the police.

We are expecting a lot of presents ourselves before Tuesday. We have hired a godown to store them all. We have already received four calendars, 231 circular letters, 3 Christmas cards and an invitation to Santa Claus Land.

Still, seeing that Christmas is the time for goodwill and all that, we're going to wash out all the dirty cracks we've made about people during the past twelve months. Besides, they may forget, and send us along a couple of hogsheads, or a sedan car, or something.

As a matter of fact, it might pay us to cultivate this spirit of fellowship of man and peace on earth a bit in the future.

No more satire about tailors.

We'll start on Christmas morning with the wife. Something like this: "Well, old dear, despite your floppy ears and grey hair, and apart from the fact that you've made life a living hell for me—with all your bad points, you're pretty juicy."

And she'll say, "Oh, boy! A merry Christmas at you!"

And you too.

Don't gorge yourself.

CHRISTMAS ODE

Jean made a hit at the party,
And I scored to the planets in
mirth—
But the hit she made after the
party
Suddenly brought me to earth.

MINT SAUCE

And then there was this ignorant person who thought that the Royal Mint was what the King and Queen used with their Christmas lamb.

Dates Fixed For Trial Of Portuguese

HELD ON CHARGE OF KIDNAPPING

INVESTIGATION INCOMPLETE

At the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, Mr. E. W. Hamilton fixed December 28 at 2.15 p.m. and January 3 at the same hour for hearing of the case in which Frederic Barreto and Luiz Antonio da Rocha are being charged on three counts relating to the alleged kidnapping of Luiz Ribeiro, aged six years, from No. 7 Hanoi Road, Kowloon.

Mr. J. A. Fraser, Assistant Attorney General, appeared for the Crown this morning, when the accused, who had been remanded from yesterday, were again charged.

In stating that he would not give an outline of the case this morning, Mr. Fraser said that the investigations of the Crown had still a little way to go, but he would be ready in a week's time. He mentioned that the evidence for the Crown would be relatively brief.

His Worship said he would start the case on December 28 on the assumption that it would go for trial to the Criminal Sessions.

Mr. Fraser, replying, said his opening of the case would assist His Worship on that point, but, so far as he knew at the moment, it would not be a case in which His Worship would have to commit.

Mr. Fraser further stated that it would be difficult to outline the case now, because he did not know what the outcome of further investigations would be.

POWERS AT CROSS PURPOSES

NAVAL ACCORD NO NEARER

U.S. WAITING FOR TOKYO

Tokyo, Dec. 20.—The Minister of the Navy to-day instructed Admiral Yamamoto to remain in London and continue his efforts to carry Japan's point for naval equality.

Newspapers comment acidly on the adjournment of the naval talks and declare it is regrettable, though to be expected. Although the Anglo-Japanese views are steadily converging, there can be no glimmer of hope as long as the United States remains stubborn concerning the Japanese claim for parity, they state.

Reports from Washington state that Mr. Cordell Hull has indicated that America intends to await Japan's formal denunciation of the Washington Treaty before undertaking any new moves.

Mr. Hull denies reports to the effect that America is considering proposing a gentlemen's agreement with Japan and Great Britain concerning the scrapping of naval vessels during the next two years. —Reuter.

PRIZE DAY AT YAUMATI

SCHOOL'S SPIRIT OF HAPPINESS

The annual prize-giving ceremony in connection with Yaumati School was held this morning, when the awards were presented by Mrs. Mycock. After the Headmaster had presented his report for the past year, Shri Sik-kei, Class 8A, presented Mrs. Mycock with a basket of roses, on behalf of the School.

In the course of his report, the Headmaster said the School opened 261 times during the year. Owing to the change in the educational year, we have had another short one. The maximum enrolment was 270 against 266 last year with an average daily attendance of 184.4 or 97 per cent.

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PLAN FOR EMPIRE AIR SYSTEM

AMBITION PROJECT DISCUSSED

DOMINIONS EXPECTED TO CO-OPERATE

London, Dec. 20.

Far-reaching developments in Empire air communications are proposed in a scheme outlined in the House of Commons to-day by Sir Philip Sassoon, Undersecretary for Air.

Sir Philip said these proposals, which are the results of many months of work by the Air Ministry and Post Office, in consultation with Imperial Airways, were approved by British Government in the late Summer and subsequently communicated to other Empire Governments concerned.

Until the views from all these Governments have been received the scheme must, of course, be regarded as a basis for discussion only, since its realisation depends upon their willing co-operation and support.

Sir Philip emphasised that his statement must therefore not be taken as prejudging the issue. The scheme, he continued, contained three main features.

Firstly, very material improvement on the present time schedules between several parts of the Empire concerned;

Secondly, a substantial increase in the frequency of services;

And, thirdly all first class mail to Empire countries covered by projected services in future to be carried by air.

A schedule was envisaged of just over two days to India, two and a half to East Africa, four to the Cape, four to Singapore and seven to Australia.

Provision was made for four or possibly five services a week to India, three services a week to Singapore and East Africa and two to South Africa and Australia respectively.

NO RATE DECISION

He could as yet say nothing definite about the letter rate proposed, but they hoped that so far as it concerned the United Kingdom letters for Empire destinations, subject to a successful outcome of negotiations with the Governments concerned, it might be in the region of the present Empire rate of 1½d. But this would apply per half ounce instead of to the first ounce, as at present.

He mentioned correspondence covering at least eight sheets of special light paper which could be sent within the half ounce limit. It would, of course, be for other

DAY BY DAY NEWS IN BRIEF

THE THING IS NOT ONLY TO AVOID ERROR, BUT TO ATTAIN IMMENSE MASSES OF TRUTH.—Carlyle.

The Garrison Sergeants Mess Christmas draw will be made on Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Mess.

An Old German Christmas Play is to be held in the Union Church, Hongkong, at 6.30 p.m. to-day.

The Clover Flower Shop is making a special display of Christmas gifts, such as baskets of fruit, crystallised fruits, pot plants and flowers. In view of the rush for special baskets of flowers to be delivered during the Christmas holidays, it is requested that orders be placed as early as possible.

For stealing two packets of joss sticks from No. 40 Staunton Street, Hung Lok, was sentenced to one month's hard labour by Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones at the Central Magistracy. It was stated that the defendant entered by the back door and stole the joss sticks, which were valued at \$1 a packet.

A fine of \$100, with the alternative of two months' hard labour, was imposed upon Muk Kwan-lam, aged 35, a married woman, when at the Kowloon Magistracy she pleaded guilty to a charge of having possession of 14 lbs. of dutiable tobacco. It was stated that the defendant was arrested on the Ping On Wharf, and the tobacco was discovered packed in a quilt.

Mohammed Kassim, aged 23, was brought before Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged with being a vagrant. Lance-Sergeant Russell stated that defendant came here in 1930 and was employed for one year as a cook, but had been unemployed for the last twelve months. The defendant was committed to the House of Detention pending arrangements to send him back to Ceylon.

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Contingent Marching To Saar Front

BRITISH TROOPS ON THEIR WAY

SWEDISH UNIT EMBARKS

London, Dec. 20. The First Battalions of the East Lancashire and Essex Regiments left Catterick tonight for the Saar, marching out to the ringing cheers of the garrison.

This force, 1,000 strong, is taking forty tons of baggage, including several footballs.

The first of the British units for the Saar patrol are already at their stations, but they are mainly R.A.S.C. men who are making arrangements for the billeting and feeding of the army of peaceful occupation.—Reuter.

SWEDISH TROOPS

Stockholm, Dec. 20. Sweden's contingent of troops for the Saar police force embarked at Trelleborg for Sarsenitz to-day, after being reviewed by the King.

His Majesty addressed the men, impressing upon them the fact that great confidence was being placed in their efficiency, discipline and judgment in the event of emergencies arising.

The detachment carried with it little Christmas trees and some parcels of special Swedish Christmas delicacies.—Reuter.

INAUGURATION DATE

Sir Philip added it would not be practicable to give further details as regard finance, types of aircraft, etc., until negotiations with the other Governments concerned were completed and he could as yet give no date for the inauguration of the scheme.

An integral feature of the scheme was a comprehensive programme for the development of ground organisation of Empire air routes on a basis which would enable services which would cater for passenger as well as mail traffic, to operate by night as freely as by day.

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FANLING GOLF

STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY

Old Course

9.30 E. Lewis, G. H. Bond, 9.40 H. N. Williamson, W. P. Pritchard.

9.44 G. S. Archibald, E. D. Matthews, 9.48 K. S. Morrison, E. M. Bryden, 9.52 L. R. Billinghurst, J. F. Robinson.

9.56 A. T. Lay, R. I. Cherrill, 10.00 G. C. Worrall, E. Bathurst.

10.04 N. L. Smith, S. H. Dowell, 10.08 R. Young, A. Ritchie.

10.12 C. J. Stellingwerff, R. A. Rodgers.

10.16 E. Taylor, W. J. Waddington, 10.20 F. W. D. Chartered Bank.

10.24 S. A. Steap, W. M. Barton, 10.28 Comdr. Tettley, Major Wren.

10.32 A. E. Lissaman, I. H. Gear, 10.36 C. Mycock, F. S. Grant.

10.40 T. C. Monghan, A. B. Purves, 10.44 R. P. Edwards, G. W. Stabb, 10.48 H. F. Phillips, J. A. D. Morrison, 10.52 J. T. Edkins, D. Ellis.

10.56 W. H. B. Rigg, W. Keith Robinson.

11.00 D. L. Prophet, G. Milne, 11.04 J. W. M. Macmillan, A. Sommerville.

11.08 W. E. Hunt, E. G. Sommerville, 11.12 L. R. Andrew, J. S. MacLaren, 11.16 G. L. Tatham, J. A. McNaughton.

11.20 J. Hunter, E. McNaughton, 11.24 C. W. Jeffries, A. O. Brown, 11.28 J. Harrop, R. E. Price.

New Course

9.36 J. P. & Mrs. Sherry.

9.40 O. E. C. Marton, P. H. Sconce, 9.48 Mrs. Harrop, H. S. Dinsdale.

9.52 J. L. & Mrs. Adams, 10.00 W. J. & Mrs. Roberts.

10.04 W. N. & Mrs. Buyers, 10.12 C. A. & Mrs. Middleton Smith.

10.16 Mrs. Perrin, D. K. Bishop, 10.24 D. J. Keogh, R. G. Webb.

10.28 H. Hampton, G. T. May.

10.40 G. C. Bremer, D. Harvie.

10.48 J. W. Alabaster, W. N. A. Smalley.

10.52 G. C. Marrian, G. A. Leloper.

Caddies from Superintendent.

Unsuccessful in ballot for Old Course.

RADIO BROADCAST

Three Studio Items For This Evening

CLASSICAL PROGRAMME

From ZBW on a wavelength of 355 metres (845 kilocycles):

4.30 p.m. Chinese Programme.

5.30-6.15 p.m. A Relay of the Lecture on "Batchelovelli and Il Principe" by Dr. G. J. de Martin, from the Hongkong Hotel Jacobean Room.

6.15-7 p.m. Chinese Programme.

7-11 p.m. European Programme.

7 p.m. Closing Local Stock Quotations, London 1 p.m. Stock and Commodity Quotations.

7.08-7.30 p.m. Light Orchestral Selections.

William Tell—Overture (Rossini).

7.30-8 p.m. From the Studio.

A Recital by

Mr. A. W. Locena—Pianoforte.

Capt. O. P. Joice—Baritone.

Programme.

1. Pianoforte Solo: *Chanson Payne* .. Easthope Martin.

2. Songs:

The Gentle Maiden arr. Somervell.

It was a Lover and his Lass. arr. Kool.

3. Pianoforte Solo:

Nighturne in C sharp minor. Chopin.

4. Songs:

All Through the Night.. Welsh Air.

Bonnie Dundee .. Scottish Air.

5. Pianoforte Solo:

Shenandoah .. Balfour Gardiner.

Cherry Ripe .. Cyril Scott.

6. Songs:

Into the Dawn to be .. Stevenson.

Kipling) .. McCall.

8 p.m. Local Time and Weather Report.

8.30-8.39 p.m. From the Studio.

A Recital of Christmas Carols by St. Andrew's Church Choir.

8.30-9 p.m. Variety.

Plano Solos—Love is Love, Anywhere.

Plano Solos—Let's Fall in Love.

SENSATIONAL BADMINTON LEAGUE DEVELOPMENT

IMPROVING YOUNG CRICKETERS.

Middlesex Join With Junior Counties

Middlesex, who have long been seeking a suitable method of improving their young cricketers, have taken an important step to that end by joining the Minor Counties' Championship.

Home and away matches in the competition have been arranged against Surrey, Kent, Glamorgan, Devon, and Cornwall, the home games to be played at Osterley, Finchley, and Ealing.

Club and Ground games against strong clubs will, of course, be played as well, so that the senior side is now likely to be backed by efficient reserve strength.

BOXING

The Neusel-Harvey Heavy Weight Fight

DRAW DECISION RECEIVED WITH BOOS

(By Fred Darnell)

Len Harvey, of England, who conceded 32lb. in weight to Walter Neusel, the German, at Wembley Pool, effected a draw before 10,000 spectators after one of the grimdest and most exacting fights seen between heavy-weights for a long time in this country.

It was not always a nice fight to watch. There was wrestling, the referee, whose clothes were bespattered with blood at the finish and who stopped the bout on four occasions to ask the combatants for cleaner boxing, narrowly escaped a left hook to the jaw from Harvey.

Of course, Harvey, giving so many hostages to fortune in the way of poundage, could not afford to stand on the order of his going. His fighting was a grim, calculating business.

Really I thought Harvey had turned the scale by the way he had out-fought and damaged Neusel in the eleventh round. I had made Neusel rather little in front, and perhaps Harvey was of the same opinion, for he called all his resources into play for one great bid for victory.

Neusel was astounded at the ferocious blows swung at him. He could not stop Harvey, whose spirited attack had the crowd yelling and punctuating every punch.

NEUSEL'S SLOWNESS

It was the best bit of fighting, masterful, incisive, and demolishing, that I have ever seen. Harvey put up.

This was the high spot of the bout in which Neusel's best work was done at close quarters with stout, straight punches to the body. He is not so quick in action or in thought as Harvey, but his plan of campaign obviously included

K.C.C. WITHDRAW ALL THEIR TEAMS

HOUSE COMMITTEE AND DANCE FLOOR DAMAGE

LADIES' DOUBLES IN DIRECT LINE FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

(By "Veritas")

The Kowloon Cricket Club Badminton section yesterday learned with consternation of the decision of the General Committee made, on Wednesday to abandon badminton at the K.C.C. forthwith.

As a result the Club, which figured amongst the pioneers of the game in Hongkong will have to withdraw their teams from the Badminton League.

It is understood that this decision was reached in consequence of a comprehensive report by the House Committee in which it was stated that not only had the playing of badminton on the sprung dance floor in the main hall of the Clubhouse already damaged the floor, but that its continuance would in all probability cause further considerably more damage.

The report was carefully studied and the decision to abandon the game was reluctantly made by the Committee.

DOUBLY UNFORTUNATE

The news will be regrettably received by all Badminton enthusiasts in the Colony, entailing as it does the withdrawal of three teams from the League.

So far as the K.C.C. is concerned it is doubly unfortunate, in respect of the Ladies' Doubles. This team which was in direct line for the Championship, had one more match to play on its own court and if this had been done it would have entitled the team to a deciding match with the Recreio "A". As it is the Recreio first string has now won the decision without further opposition.

The K.C.C. have played two matches in the Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles. They will have to be expunged from the records. Their withdrawal from the Mixed Doubles leaves a loss to this Division of a very strong team, which started the season with two victories, one against the Fire Brigade and the other against the Chinese Recreation Club.

In the Men's Doubles two defeats were suffered against the Recreio "A" and St. Andrew's.
 NEW SAINTS' TEAM

It is understood that St. Andrew's Club is making application to the Badminton Association for permission to enter a men's doubles team in the League. They will apply for admission to the "B" Division.

BACKING JOCKEY'S MOUNTS

Invariably Shows A Big Loss

One of the systems of betting which finds favour with many people during the flat race season is backing jockey's mounts. If you do this consistently you are bound to lose—except in very rare instances.

Eleven of the twelve leading jockeys this year, if followed on a £1 staking system, would show a big loss; in the case of the champion, Gordon Richards, it would be as much as £150.

The only one of them with a balance on the right side would be Perryman, who next year is to ride for Lord Derby.

The fault, of course, does not rest with the jockey. The most-sought-after of them are bound to ride many more losers than winners, and the prices of the winners of men like Richards are normally so short that they cannot balance the stakes that have gone.

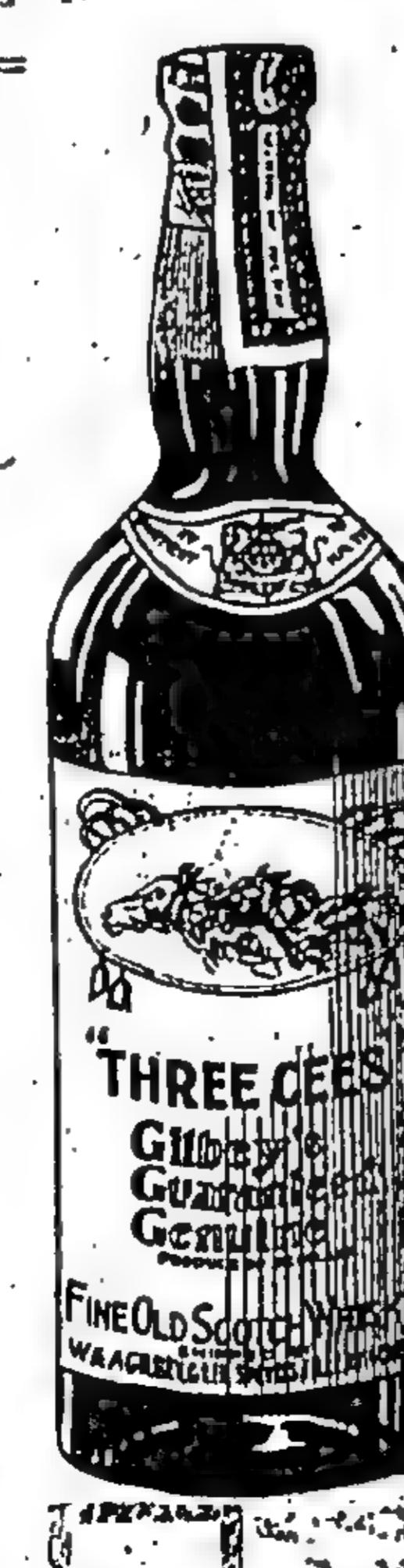
It has to be remembered that an average of one winner in five throughout the season is pretty good going for a jockey.

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CRICKET NOTES

THE HOURS OF PLAY

DIFFICULTIES PRESENTED BY EARLIER START

LAST WEEK'S MATCHES

(By R. Abbit)

Everything went according to expectation on Saturday last and the teams ran much according to form. In the game at Kowloon I learn that the home side won the toss and put the Club in, and from that angle they stood every chance of drawing the game should they have so desired. But they were very much weakened by the absence of Burnett and Willie Hung, which reduced the bowling to Smith and Lee more or less. I am told that Owen Hughes played a beautiful knock and scored his runs in an hour and half at most, and was placing the ball very skilfully as soon as he got his eye in. Pearce did not come off. He seems to have got rather a patch.

When I watch Branwell I wonder if Pearce is not over-cautious.

Anyway he was taken at the wicket off a ball that came through a good deal quicker than the others.

Mitchell though twice lucky, played a most useful "Saturday afternoon" knock and an early declaration gave the Club a chance to win. It also

gave the K.C.C. a chance to win and I gather that when the third wicket fell at seventy they were ahead of the clock—counting two runs to the minute.

But after Teddy Flinchier there was no one who could do anything and the whole side collapsed for twenty-one runs, after the fall of the third wicket. I was told,

and let me hastily say it was a K.C.C. man who said it, that the wicket had been watered a bit too

much during the week, and when the effects of the roller had worn off, it took a great deal of spin.

Anyway Ricketts and Pearce bowled commendably well. The Club will miss him at Christmas, but after all, Swatow in Swatow!

A H.K.C.C. criticism was that Bob Lee was taken off an over or two

too early and not put on again soon enough.

THE NAVY'S EASY WIN

Once more the value of winning the toss and putting the opponents in was exemplified on Saturday last when Capt. Cutler won the toss and put the Civil Service in, and reaped the reward with an easy victory for the Navy. By the way, if the Pompey precedent is followed the team ought to be called R.N. and R.C.M!

“What about it?”

As usual Sayer and Richardson did the bulk of the work and put up forty-twos before the latter tried to turn Briggs to the leg and was bowled off his pads. Besant had not repeated his success of a fortnight before and Hargreaves, who is recovering his form, was more successful, flattening his slows well.

He was, however, lucky to get the decision against Sayer as the ball

appeared, from the cliff behind the wicket to pitch clear of the stumps.

However, the sight of it was not very open and anyway

he was out. Griffiths had just pre-

viously made a bad shot at a bad

ball—a long-hop—and was taken

at the wickets. Perry got a few

and Barrow kept his wicket up, but the rest of the story is

improper, save for some good hitting by Baker whose innings was

brought to an end by a fine display

of mixed juggling and tumbling by

Browning, who secured an amazing

catch. The Navy rattled up the

runs easily enough. Baker brought

off a beautiful c. and b. off a hard

hit and then dropped his usual

sitter in the slips, where he ought

not to field these days, and I am

told that the ground fielding was

appalling. I understand that there

is a general feeling among ex-

players of the C.S.C.C. 1st XI that

Dicky Richardson's dictum is that

anyone over the age of sixty is not

good enough to play for the Navy if

he is hardly justified by the facts.

I owe Branwell an apology, i.e.

his name, but it shows you what

you get if you are too careful as a

hazard at Lord's against the

Army. I looked him up, Wlad

en Recreio, that Sub-Lieut. Branwell

made 9 and 164 not but against the

Army. In 1932, and the same

gentleman had made—according to

the "Cricketor" for that season for

R.N. and R.M. Portsmouth 7 and

78 v. Quidnunc 53 and 14 v. R.A.

and 54 and 19 v. M.C.C. with

Bowes' playing for them. How

else one foresees that he would

change into Branwell in the 1933

season? Anyway, my apologies.

JUNIOR DIVISION

The Navy had little difficulty in

defeating the Civil Service in the

Junior Division, for the C.S.C.C.

only made forty-three of which

Westlake had eighteen! Both

K.C.C. and H.K.C.C. batted well on

the Club ground. George Lee, Armstrong, and Flowerdew being

matches off once.

FRIENDLY

CRICKET

Queen's College Beat R.A.M.C.

In a friendly cricket match at Sookpoo on Tuesday, Queen's College beat the R.A.M.C. by one wicket. The military side scored 129, Capt. G. W. P. Klimm retiring after making 50. L. Cpt. Crawford contributed 84 towards the total.

The College team replied with 142 for nine wickets, D. Singh being top scorer with 68 his credit, while A. K. Kitchell scored 22.

LOW SCORING MATCH

Queen's College were beaten by 58 runs in a low scoring match by the Central British School on the Indian R.C. ground on Wednesday. The Kowloon students scored 91 runs, K. Trout making 25 and P. Wilson 20. M. Afzal captured eight of the wickets for 29 runs. K. Baxter took seven wickets for 16, when Queen's College went to the crease. The latter were dismissed for 33 runs.

U.S. MARINES DRAW WITH CORNWALL

YESTERDAY'S THIRD RUGGER GAME

(By "Liaison")

H.M.S. Cornwall, the only rugby XV to beat the famous Fourth United States Marines team in Shanghai in 1929, when the latter were on top of their form, held the marines to a draw at Happy Valley yesterday, each side having eight points on the board. The teams thus share honours in their three encounters, each having won a match prior to yesterday's game.

The Marines are passing through the Colony on their way to Manilla.

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RACING

The Final Race Meeting Last Saturday

THREE FAVOURITES WIN CHAMPIONS

The final race meeting of the year took place last Saturday under ideal weather conditions, and it was an unqualified success. The three Champions were won by the three favourites, but in each race the win was not as easy as when each pony accounted for his or her St. Leger of three weeks ago.

Three ponies only faced the starter for the Hongkong Autumn Champions and, as expected, the race was won by Soldier of Britain (Mr. Deltz) who finished one and a half lengths in front of King's Justice (Mr. Heard) and Sadko (Mr. Pih). Two lengths further away, Soldier of Britain led from the start, and was followed by King's Justice and Sadko respectively. There was no change in this position during the entire race. Half way up the straight King's Justice made a challenge, but it was successfully resisted. "Britain", however, had to be urged to maintain his lead and the win was not scored as easily as I thought it would be. Sadko also made an effort but the fast pace set at the early part of the race apparently took too much out of him, as he could not finish with his accustomed pulverising rush.

U.S. MARINES DRAW

(Continued from Page 8).

Only six of the famous side of 1929 took the field yesterday at Happy Valley but that number included Rasmussen, who never fails to thrill the spectators. Posaossing an amazing turn of speed he was outstanding and his try which opened the Marines account was one of the best seen on the Club ground this season. Taking a pass midway down the field he broke out from the rest of the players, overrode past Rawlinson and with another spectacular swerve a few yards further on passed Hume to ground the ball between the posts.

Taken as a whole the Marines were much faster than the Cornwall, especially in the pack. Wherever the ball went three or four of the visitors were in attendance. They were also much heavier but were forced to concede many of the tight scrums to the sailors. Their kicking was also of a very high order, many dangerous situations being relieved by long touch-finding.

The Cornish "three" were weak in sending and taking passes, many of their muddled efforts giving their opponents a decided advantage when they brought their feet into play. Lt. Cmdr. Neame played a good game at the base of the scrum and was seen in many movements. Lt. Webster was another prominent player.

The Navy team opened the scoring after about ten minutes play when Galletly landed a nice penalty goal. Thereafter, until the interval the Marines pressed strongly but could not get over the line.

Then came Rasmussen's try shortly after the interval which he himself converted to put the Marines ahead. Lt. Moe increased the lead when he fell on the ball as it went over following some close play near the corner flag. A penalty kick for the Cornwall near the "25" proved fruitless and with a minute to go they looked a beaten team. Just before the final whistle, however, Hume crossed over for Galletly to majorise and level the scoring.

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(BY CAPT. FOSTER.)

The Grand National

TOM WALLS' SECRET HORSE

(By W. F. Sanderson)

Mr. Tom Walls hopes to win the Grand National next year with a horse ridden by his son. The ex-policeman film star, actor, jockey, racehorse trainer, and owner of a Derby winner (April the Fifth) has made an entry—the name is a secret—for the world's greatest steeplechase, run at Liverpool.

"You will see," he says, "I think I shall win it."

You cannot beat Tom Walls for optimism. I suggested that it would be a grand idea if once again he went into training and rode the horse himself.

"I'm afraid that can't be done. I should have the R.S.P.C.A. after me if I did that, but we are going to keep it a secret."

When Tom Walls, son, said that his Grand National horse would be ridden by Tom Walls junior, the secret was nearly out.

Did not Tom Walls junior ride Crafty Alice to victory in the Grand Military Gold Cup Steeplechase at Sandown Park last March?

Of course that is a guess, and Tom Walls may have another surprise up his sleeve. He did say to me, "Wait till Liverpool. I'll have another April the Fifth surprise for you, but this time it will be in the Grand National."

Mid. Sturdy, Mid. Rawlinson, Marine Hume; Lt. Cmdr. Neame, Lt. Webster; Lt. Cmdr. Atkins, E. R. A. Galloway, E. R. A. Dibdall, Marine Harris, A. B. Tucker, A. B. Wilson, Lt. Ford, and Lt. Copeman.

U. S. Marines: Zajac; Galley, Bateman, Holmes, Barnes; Arbae, Rasmussen; Goodall, Moe, Forster, Ford, Marion, La Ronch, Snyder and Cheek.

TAIPO STEEPELCHASE

Burgomaster will find the op-

WEEK-END FOOTBALL

Recreio And Club Teams

The Club de Recreio first eleven will meet St. Joseph's, their old rivals, on Sunday in the senior Football League at Caroline Hill and will be represented by the following:—E. M. Marques; R. Silva-Neto and J. Bowen; N. Delgado; N. A. Beltrao and V. H. Marques; T. Castilho, R. Gostao, A. V. Góesano, J. Gomes and J. Alves.

SECOND TEAM

The Club de Recreio second team will be represented by the following in their match on Saturday against the Royal Engineers' King's Park: I. M. Fernandez; E. J. Silva and E. Lawrence; R. Laurel, C. Figueiredo and H. A. Remedios; C. A. Marques, H. Campos, C. Santos, L. Castilho and A. Alves.

CLUB ELEVENS

The Stewards of the Fanning Hunt and Race Club are to be congratulated in their endeavour to popularize the Meetings by making the betting more attractive, especially in these none too flourishing days. Instead of the customary win and place Parimutuels, we shall see a new form of betting, known as the "wire" system in Australia where, I gather, it is very

days. In future, there will be one form of betting, and holders of tickets will receive dividends in the order of the finish. The winner will receive 60% of the Pool, less betting tax, etc., etc., and the second and third persons 20% each.

I cannot say very much regarding the ponies competing next Sunday, as the training of the majority of them over jumps has been somewhat restricted.

For the first race, The Volunteers' Hurdle race, I think Wildes should score easily, with Mouche and Roundhead second and third.

TAIPO STEEPELCHASE

Punch is supposed to be "a good bet" for the Tally-ho Hurdle race.

LAST RACE MEETING

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between the second and third pony. We could not be treated to better finishes, more especially to wind up the Season.

Ribble (Mr. P. P. Botelho) just won the Tardy Handicap from Monoplane and Valorous (Mr. Heard). Valorous was not too well placed in the run-in, but for this I think he would have just about won the race.

Great Hall (Mr. Pih) was, I think, fortunate to secure the head verdict from Iron Grey (Mr. P. P. Botelho) and Heart's Glory (Mr. Deltz). Iron Grey, to my mind, was an unlucky loser; he could not come through until too late, but when an opening did present itself, he came up very fast and was rapidly overhauling Great Hall, but did not quite get up to secure first place.

The finish of the Finale Plate was in a way somewhat a surprise to me as I did not think Little Beauty (Mr. W. H. Choy) would be beaten. In the race, especially when coming into the straight, he looked all over a winner until about a hundred yards from home. Delightful Chance (Mr. F. F. Li) came on the scene very fast and eventually won somewhat easily by two and a half lengths. Soldier of Fortune (Mr. H. A. de B. Botelho) also spurred and passed the now tiring Little Beauty near the winning post to finish second.

Soldier of Italy and The Goat should fill the minor places. Marina, I understand, is shaping nicely but she strikes me as being "too big" to be dangerous on Sunday.

The Loafer is my fancy for the Ladies' Scurvy and I think he will be followed home by Red Leaves and Kung.

For the St. John's Cup over approximately three miles of fair hunting country, Tom Cobley should experience no difficulty in adding another win to his credit. Winchester Stag should finish second and Skewbald Griffin third.

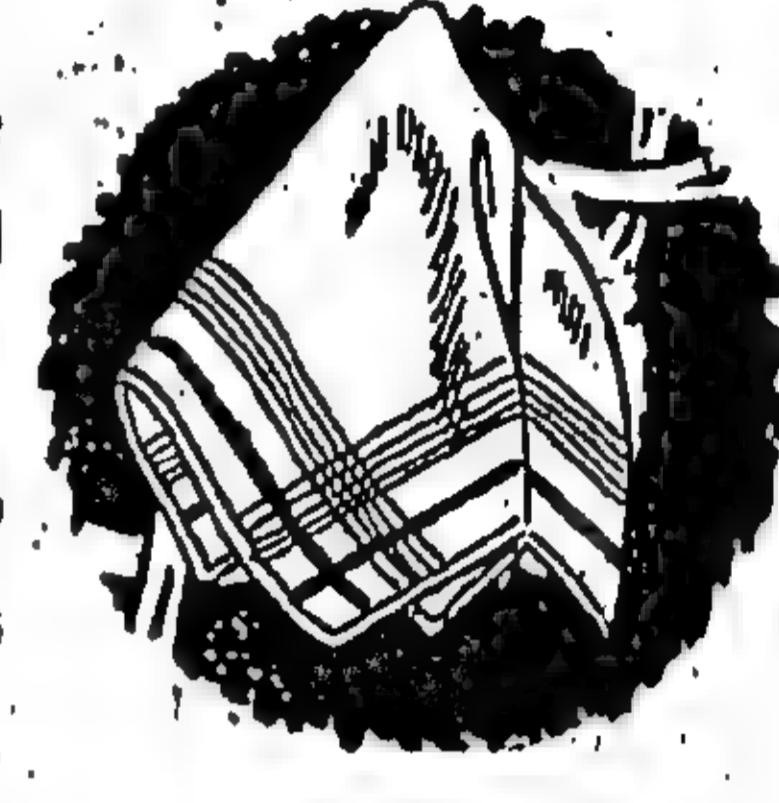
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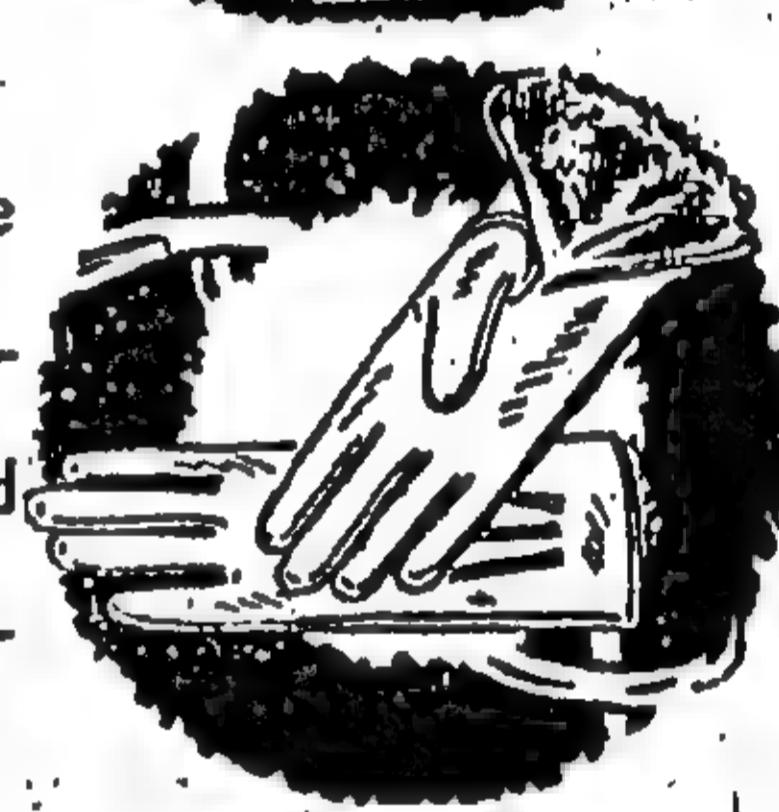
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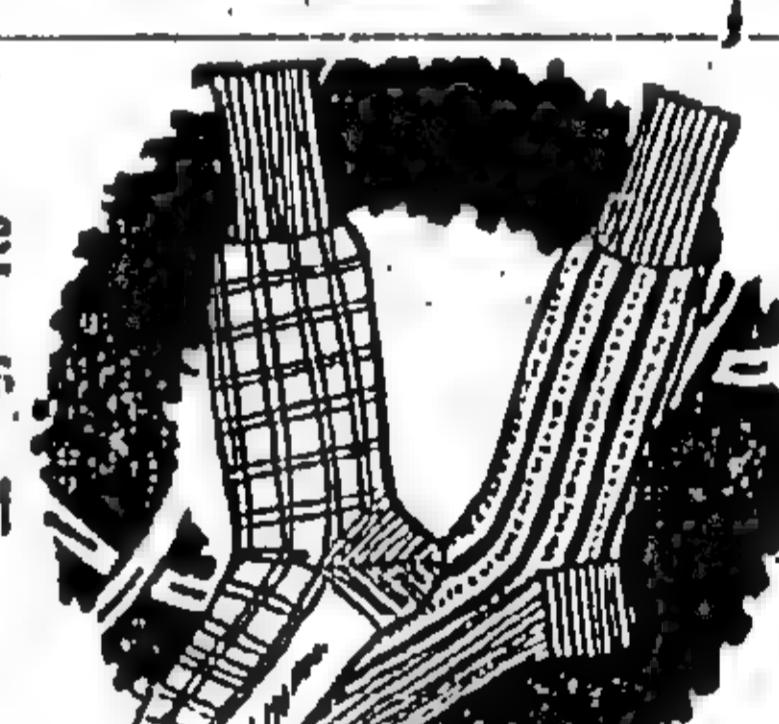
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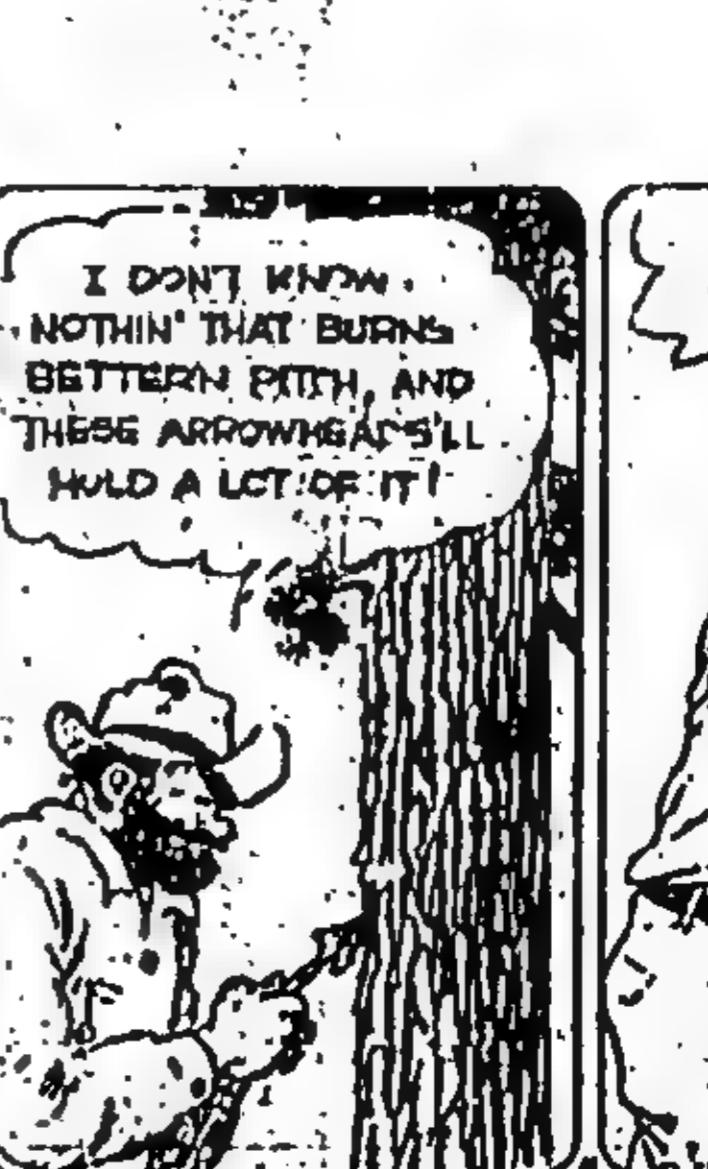
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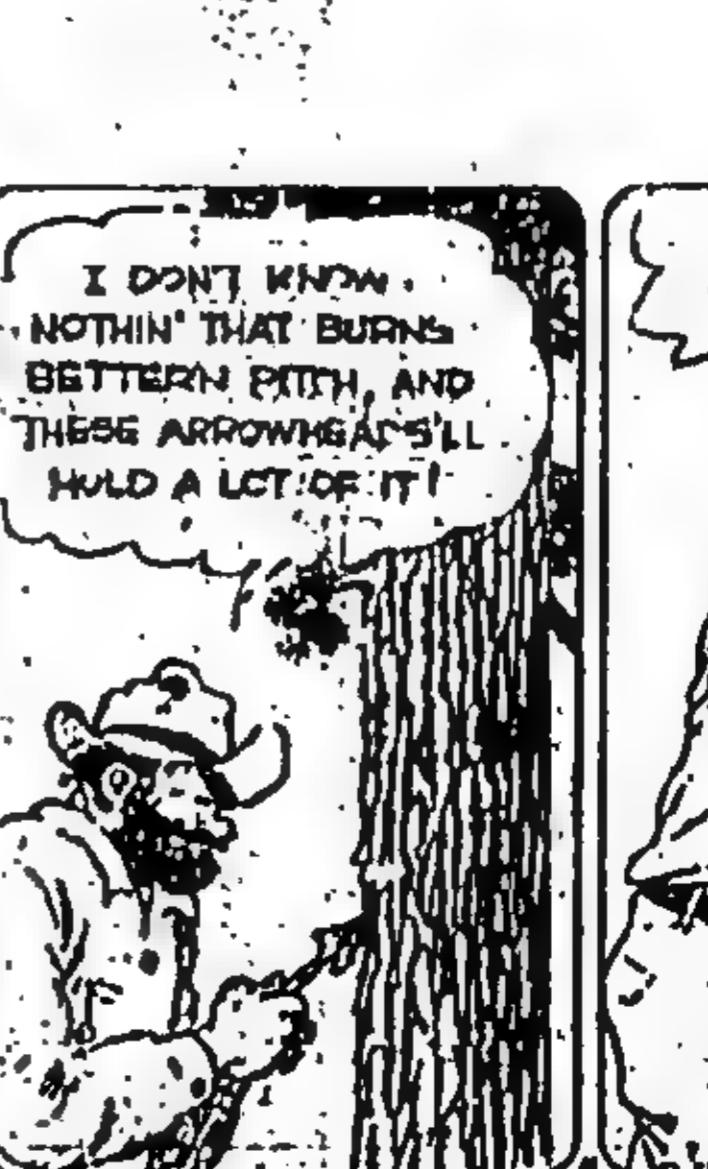
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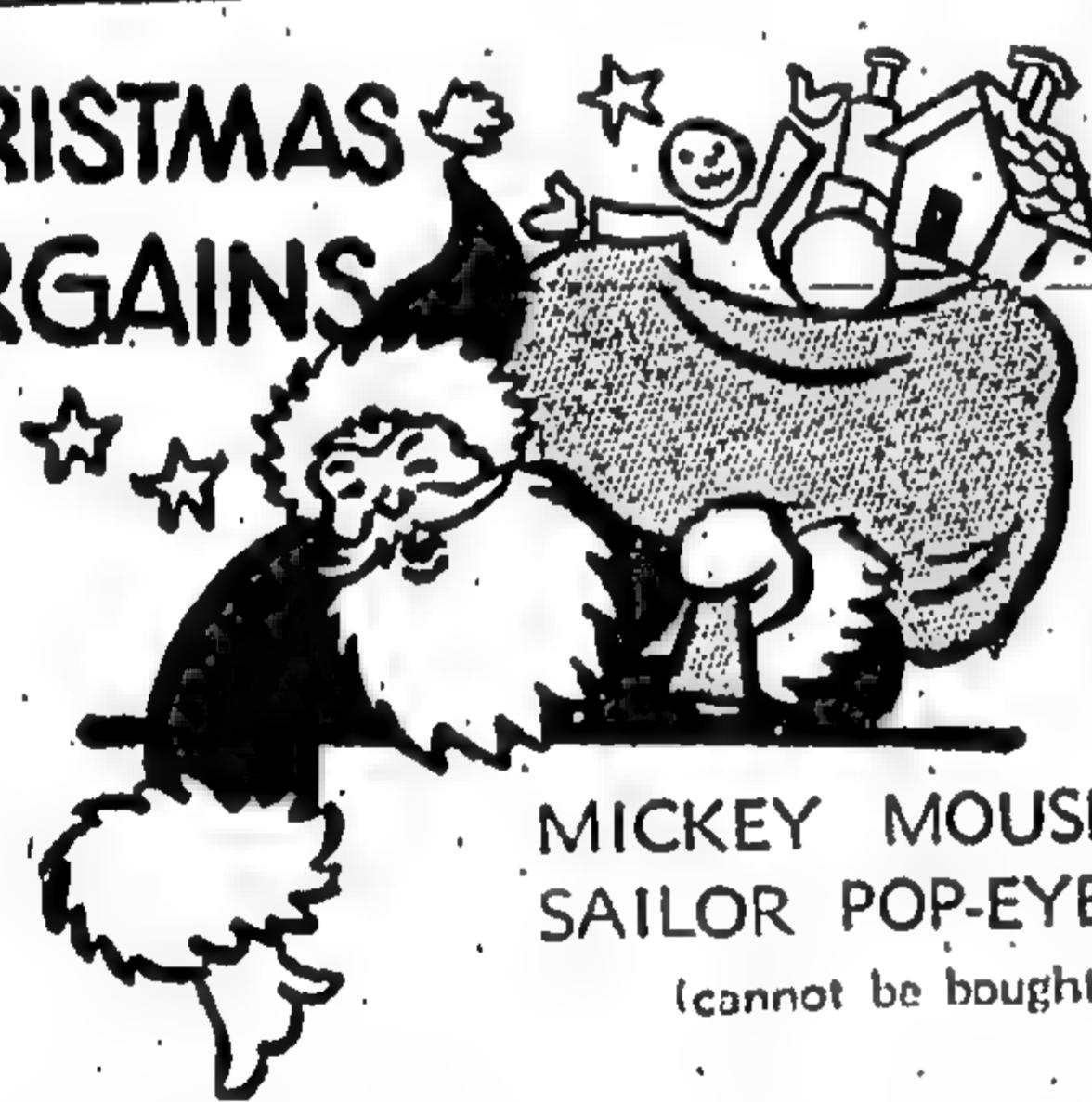
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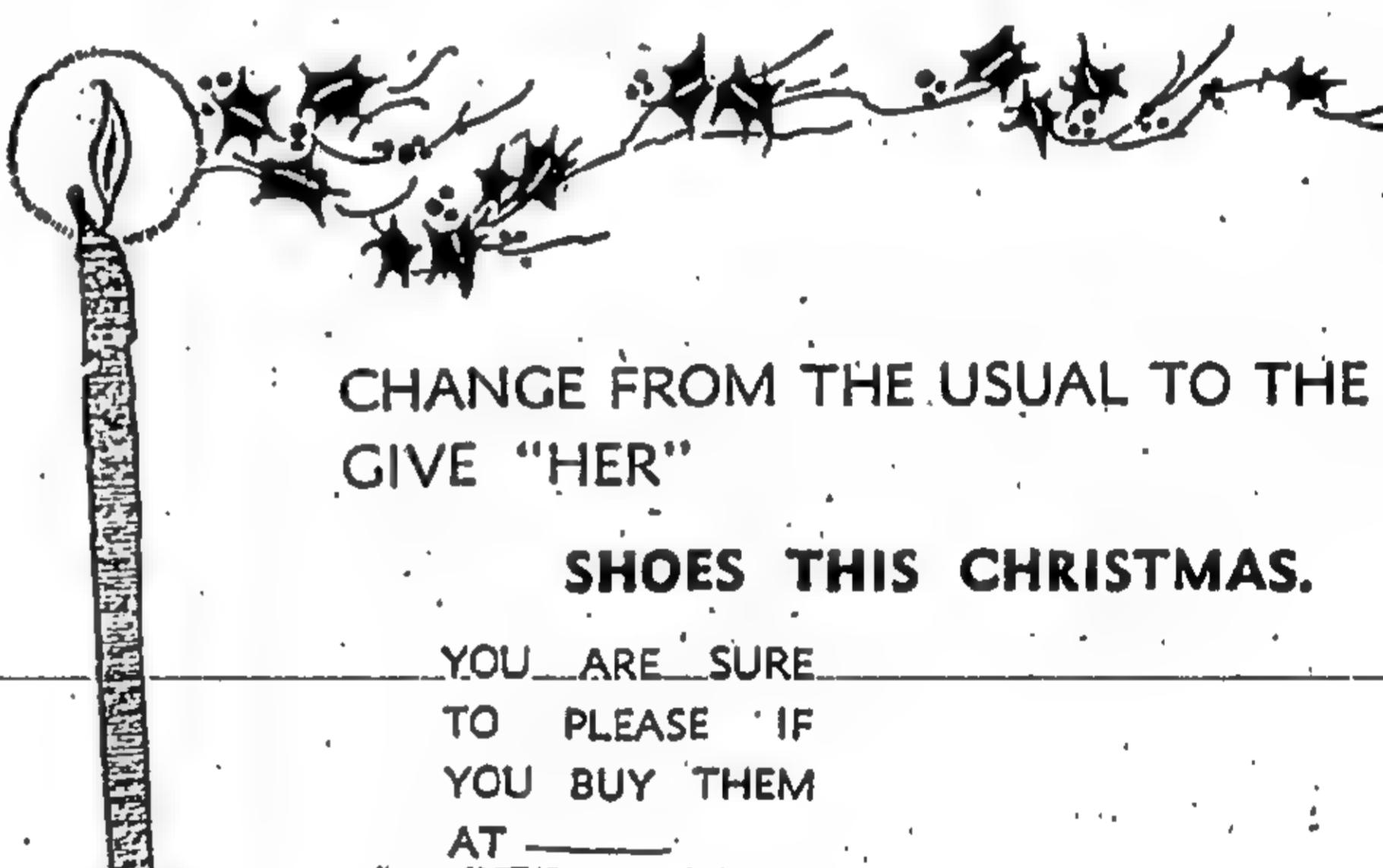
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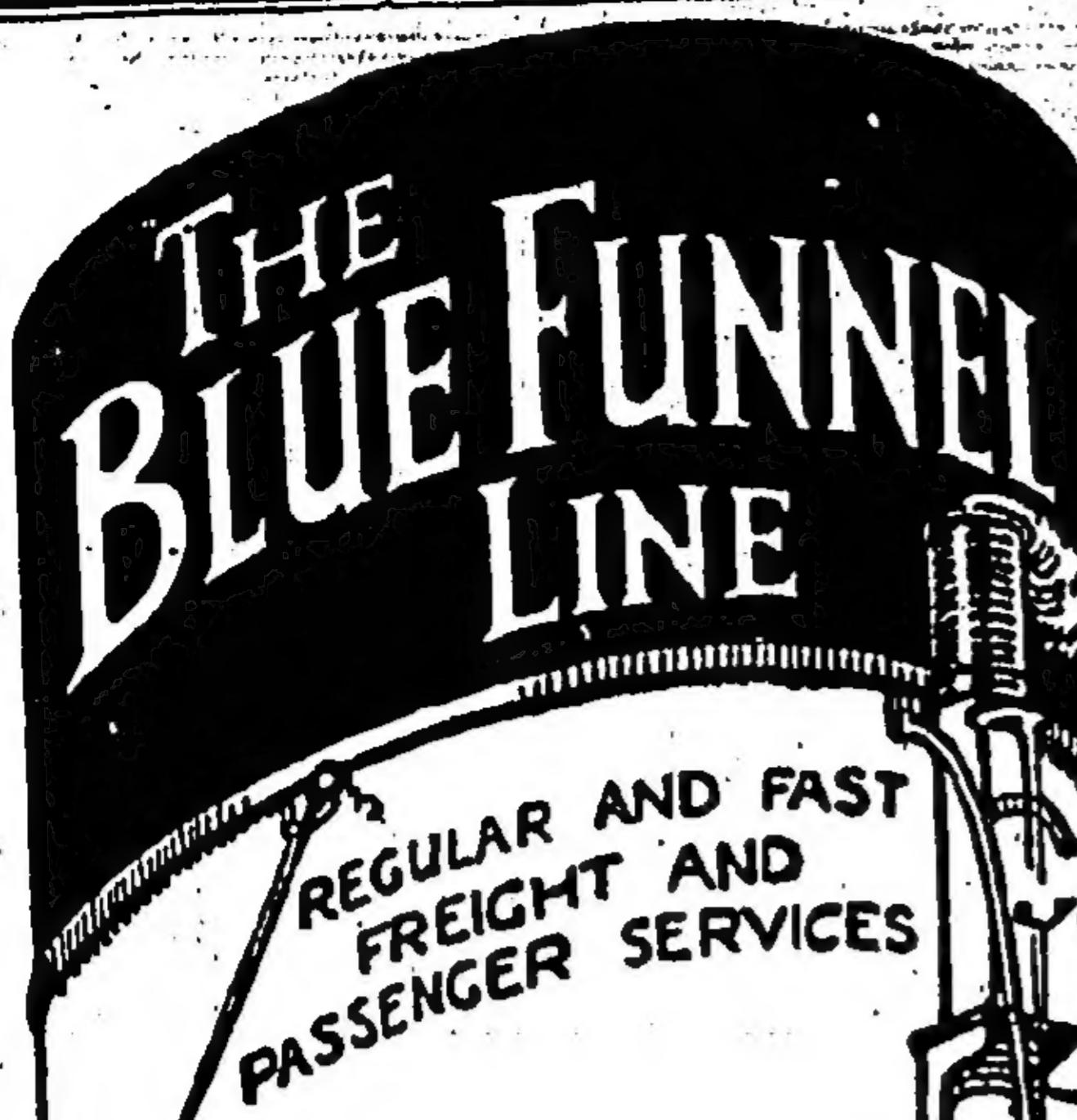
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The Clue Of The Forgotten Murder:

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CHAPTER XXXIX

Griff nodded to the lawyer. "You tell him," he said. Fisher turned, facing Bleeker. "At the time the cheque was cashed," he said, speaking slowly and with grave emphasis, "the plot, whatever it was, was about to culminate. This man, Malone, knew that Cathay would not be in a position to make any complaint. In other words he had anticipated the death of Frank B. Cathay, in which event the cancelled cheque with the forged signature would be found among his effects. A check-up of the hotel register would show that Cathay was recorded there that night, that he had exhibited documentary evidence showing he was the real Frank Cathay. Of course this matter would not come up until months after Cathay's death, when the estate had been probated and the claim of this man, Malone, whatever the nature of it, would be presented against the estate and brought up to trial. As you are doubtless aware, litigation takes time and is subject to annoying delay."

"The attorneys representing the Malone claim, whatever its nature, would demand that the estate produce all documents and vouchers which were in its possession. The cancelled cheque could not have been before his death. It would, therefore, destroy because it would come into the possession of the estate instead of the possession of Cathay before his death. It would, therefore, make an excellent demonstration of the genuineness of the forged signature."

"And what," asked Bleeker, "is the nature of this claim that Malone is to make?"

"I wish I knew," Fisher said. "I can surmise and I can suspect, but my obligations to my client, gentlemen, prevent me from communicating my suspicions or my surmises. It even goes so far as to seal my lips upon facts, save such facts as I believe I may communicate without detriment to my client."

Griff started in fixed concentration at the patterned carpet of the hotel hallway. "I think," he said slowly, "that I see what you have in mind."

"I am quite sure you do," Fisher said readily enough, "but I cannot confirm your surmises, and I do not wish to. You can, however, appreciate the importance of getting Frank Blis in custody and getting an interview with Mrs. Blanche Malone before Peter Malone is able to get in touch with her. Naturally, also, it becomes vitally important to apprehend Peter Malone."

"Don't you think?" Griff asked, "that Peter Malone has done all the he cares to do; that he has fully performed his part in the scheme of things and is now ready to vanish?"

"I think," Fisher said, "he already has vanished."

"Your plan?" asked Griff.

"I think," Fisher said, "we should call upon Mrs. Blanche Malone."

Bleeker started to say something, but Griff checked him with a pressure of thumb and forefinger on the publisher's elbow.

"Do you," asked the criminologist,

"know anything about an Esther Ordway or Alice Lorton, as the case may be?"

Fisher scowled.

"No," he said. "Why?"

"Only," Griff told him, "because she is mixed into the case in some way. That is, the woman is mixed in the Morden murder case. She and a male companion by the name of Kenneth Boone were taken into custody to-day by the police and are now being interrogated. It is possible that she has already made some statements."

"You consider the murder of Morden connected with the plan of this Peter Malone?" the lawyer inquired.

"I think," Griff said, "there cannot be the slightest doubt about it. Morden found out something. He was murdered because it was vital that this information Morden had

acquired be suppressed and the conspirators decided to silence Morden's lips before he could convey that information to his newspaper."

"I think you're right," the attorney said, "but I do not care, at the present time, to allow myself to get side-tracked on the matter of this Morden murder. After all, you must admit it may have been due to other causes. In other words, it may be one of those coincidences which happen in real life and which are so appealing to an investigator. For instance, it is very possible that this woman, Esther Ordway, actually had no connection with the Cathay case whatever, but that Morden thought she had some information which would be of value, or Morden may have merely scraped an acquaintance with her in a social way. Her male companion may have been exceedingly jealous. He may have murdered Morden in a fit of jealousy, and because Morden was investigating this Cathay case, we would naturally jump to the conclusion that he lost his life because of the case he was investigating."

"No gentlemen, while I think that theory is, perhaps, sound, I must refuse to be misled by it. I prefer to keep to the main train."

"But," Bleeker said, "we have evidence that Cathay left his car near the apartment house where this woman lived; that he spent some time in her apartment and—"

"That is what I am conceding," Fisher said, "that this woman either had some contact with Cathay, or that Morden thought she had some contact with Cathay. It makes little difference which. My point remains unshaken that Morden's death may have nothing whatever to do with the conspiracy that I am investigating."

Griff nodded. "I see your point," he said, "although I am not inclined to agree with it."

"Whether you agree with it or not," Fisher said, "you must admit the logic of refusing to be drawn from a hot trail. We are now in a position to run down the conspiracy against Cathay. We have brought home to Frank Blis a grave suspicion of having been implicated in the murder of Frank Cathay."

"You think it was a murder?" Griff asked.

"Beyond any doubt."

"Go on," Griff said.

"We have," the lawyer went on, "secured the address of Blanche Malone and I say to you gentlemen that it is by no means improbable Mrs. Malone is the type who is to profit by the years of preparation which have been made by Peter Malone; that it is not conceivable that Malone was prepared to make it appear that he and Cathay were one and the same person, and that Mrs. Malone, her marriage once having been established, is, in fact, the surviving wife of Frank Cathay."

Griff asked.

"Beyond any doubt."

"Good heavens!" he said, "that must be it! But can it hold up in view of the testimony of this young woman?"

"That," Fisher said, "remains to be seen. But, of course, that is the thing I am trying to do—to thwart this conspiracy. I think, gentlemen, it will better if I go to see Mrs. Malone without having you along. The interests of my client are vitally involved. I pledge you to make a complete disclosure of whatever I find out. After I have talked with her you may talk with her, but I think you will agree it may be much more possible to get a complete statement from her if I talk with her alone than if I have an audience."

Griff nodded. "That," he said, "is fair enough."

"Where," asked Bleeker, "can we get in touch with you after you have finished your interview with Mrs. Malone?"

"I would suggest," Fisher said, "that you go to Mr. Griff's office and wait there. I will telephone as soon

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North cashed his ace of diamonds and Mr. Frank, in the South, discarded the eight of clubs.

North now shifted to the deuce of clubs, the ten was played from dummy and Mr. Frank won with the king.

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London, Dec. 20. It was announced in the House of Commons that an additional provision of £500,000 will be made available out of the Road Fund for grants to a scheme for reconstruction of weak bridges and for other urgent improvements with which highway authorities are ready to proceed immediately.

London, Dec. 20. The Foreign Secretary will pass through Paris. Although he will be in the French capital for only a few hours, he hopes to have an opportunity of seeing the French Premier and Foreign Minister, M. Léon Blum and Laval.—British Wireless.

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